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PREMIER BOWSER STATES POLICIES

Legislation to Promote Shipping Development Is Among Measures to Come Up at Approaching Session.

NO AID TO BE GIVEN NEW RAILWAYS

Separate Ministry of Agriculture Will Be Created—Unbounded Confidence in Province's Future.

Premier Bowser, in the brief statement which he issued to the press on Wednesday coupled with the announcement of the changes in the Cabinet, stated that he would in the course of a few days, after consultation with his colleagues, give an outline of what were to be the chief features of the policy to be pursued by the Government. Last evening he issued the following address to the electors of British Columbia:

"Gentlemen,—While I acknowledge and fully appreciate the great honor which has been done me by placing in my hands the leadership of the Government, I must at once add that I fully recognize the serious responsibilities which that leadership, under present conditions, entails, and which will require of my colleagues and myself much serious consideration and the exercise of sound business judgment if those duties are to be discharged to the satisfaction of the country.

"Although I have taken some small part in the past twelve years in assisting to frame the policy of the Government in the Province, which policy has on four separate appeals to the electorate been strongly endorsed, still, in my judgment, the time has arrived when the policy which has marked the regime of the late Administration should in some respects be modified and in some respects expanded.

Business Re-adjustment

"The circumstances which actuated the McBride Administration to make generous appropriations to various railway companies, so as to expedite the opening up of the country, no longer exist, mainly for the reason that this comprehensive programme of railway construction is about completed; and the cycle of development now brings us face to face with other new and important duties and responsibilities. To put it shortly, I conceive the most vital duty resting upon the Administration, of which I am leader, is, in the first place, to adopt a sound business policy, coupled with reasonable retrenchment, until such time at least as the serious problems now confronting our Empire, shall have been surmounted. To put it in other words—British Columbia needs a period for business readjustment, free from any venturesome or experimental legislation, in which to recuperate from an era of speculative expansion, which was not peculiar to us but common to the whole Canadian West and perhaps to the greater portion of the American continent.

Completion of Railways

"It is for this reason that we should definitely state that for the present there shall be no more aid to new railway enterprises. At the same time we must not forget that we have to face the situation boldly and courageously in order to see that those railway enterprises already undertaken, and which promise so much in the way of making accessible to the settler large areas of fertile land, are carried to completion, with due dispatch. To ascertain how best this can be done, I purpose having a thorough investigation and examination made into the business of these companies in order to decide which will be the most businesslike way of securing their early completion.

Financial Credit

"It would appear to me that just as soon as peace is declared the world will witness a financial reaction. Should I be correct in this judgment it will be necessary for the private individual, the corporations, the various municipalities of the Province, and the Province itself, to approach the foreign money markets with the idea of borrowing. To do so successfully we must keep the credit of British Columbia on the highest possible plane and with that aim in view I will direct my every energy; and I have a profound conviction that if the Government approaches the discharge of its duties in this attitude, such action will elicit the strong endorsement of the electors.

"It would be idle were I to appeal to the electorate for approval on the understanding that we shall at once be able to launch large development schemes and immediately usher in a return of what might properly be termed the abnormal prosperity which marked certain phases of the history of the West for the last few years.

"We have no intention of making any such promise to the people of British Columbia, nor have we any delusions as business men regarding the situation which faces the Province as a result of the involved condition of the money markets of the world. Money, for the present, can only be obtained at excessive rates of interest; and while I yield to none in my firm belief and confidence in the future of the Province, in its wonderful resources, and in its recuperative powers, once the normal condition has been restored; still it must, in my judgment, be our immediate task to make our expenditures conform to the present peculiar and unusual financial situation, rather than waste our efforts in launching ambitious schemes which would, for the present at least, be doomed to failure. We must, however, carry on such necessary public works as the natural development of the country may demand. Our watchword should be 'Courage and caution.'

Aid to Farmers

"The late Government has already passed legislation granting aid by way of loans to further develop the important industry of agriculture; and our efforts will be to borrow money required as quickly and as cheaply as possible, so that we may give every incentive and encouragement to bona fide farming.

Colonization

"We have also under consideration a colonization policy, which, if worked out successfully, will encourage the rapid settlement of Crown lands by a sturdy, industrious and practical farming population, to the end that the great areas of the Province hitherto untilled may contribute their share to the natural wealth of the community.

Separate Department of Agriculture

"In addition to activities along the line of aid to farmers and of colonization above referred to, we purpose, as soon as the necessary legislation can be secured, to establish a distinct department of the Government, under its own minister, to deal exclusively with agricultural matters. It is hoped that in this way our agricultural possibilities will receive the utmost attention and inducements be offered which will result in a distinct and substantial movement towards the occupation and development of our farming and pastoral land.

Public Markets

"The Government has also under consideration the question of aiding the establishment of public markets under proper supervision in the larger centres of population of the Province, so that the farmer may receive the best returns for his product and that the cost of living may be reduced.

Mineral Development

"The developments of the last few years have demonstrated the great possibilities of our mineral wealth, thereby increasing the importance of the Department of Mines, and justifying the belief that much can be done to assist the development of the mining industry by active Government encouragement. An important part of the new Government's policy will be a study of the scientific and practical methods calculated to develop this important industry in all its branches.

Extension of Lumber Markets

"The Government purposes lending whatever assistance may be possible in developing the natural manufacturing possibilities of the Province, with special attention to the lumbering industry. We have an almost illimitable supply of raw material (at least 400 billion feet of merchantable timber) and much of our future success must depend on its development. The market extension campaign, now being carried on by the Government, has already secured most encouraging results and the work is being most vigorously pushed.

Aid to Shipbuilding

"Ocean transportation must be provided for the tide-water capacity of our mills, now about 700,000,000 feet per annum, so that we may secure and enjoy our proper share of the world's trade. As the matter stands today, we have surpassing wealth of timber, an immense investment in manufacturing plants and every facility, save one, for large development. We have no shipping and are therefore powerless to reach the overseas markets. We must have vessels operated directly in the interests of our own industries, and also to carry our natural products. Only thus can the Province market its own timber wealth and so dissipate the depression that has hung over the industry so long. Recognizing the vital importance of this matter and the paramount need of a strong commercial policy to end the shipping crisis, the Government will submit decisive legislation at the forthcoming session of the Legislature. The development of our waterborne lumber trade will benefit our coast manufacturers and should, at the same time, give the mountain mill men larger trade opportunities in the Prairie Provinces, their natural markets.

Development of Seaports

"The Western grain crop of 1915 has accentuated the necessity of using all Canadian ports to their utmost. The questions of shipping and elevator accommodation involved are primarily the responsibility of the transportation companies and the Federal authorities, but this Government appreciates the urgency and importance of this matter and proposes to take whatever action may be open to it to secure early attention for these developments so that the 'all-the-year-around' open ports of British Columbia may be made use of to their fullest extent, to export the annual crop of the Western Prairie Provinces as well as the output of the Peace River District, which will have railway connections at an early date.

Irrigation

"The Government appreciates the very serious situation confronting the people of certain parts of the Interior, arising out of their irrigation difficulties, and is now addressing itself to the adjustment of the problems involved.

Workmen's Compensation Act

"I personally had the honor, during the late session of the Legislature, of introducing a most modern and up-to-date Workmen's Compensation Act, fashioned after the laws of other countries. This Act will greatly improve the conditions of those who may suffer and be disabled through industrial accidents; and at the same time will not only do away with long-drawn-out and expensive litigation, but will obviate all unfriendly contests between employer and employee. We stand pledged to make this Act law at our next session.

Aid to Returned Soldiers

"The splendid response made by the manhood of the Province at the call for men to uphold the banner of human liberty must be recognized. It will be the duty of this Government to continue such support as it may be able to give during the present period of stress; and we further stand pledged to do our part together with the Federal Government and public organizations in seeing that those of our citizens who have suffered personal injury shall receive such permanent care and assistance as is consistent with their heroic sacrifices. The Government will also recognize and make suitable provision in the way of assisting those of our returned soldiers, who are not incapacitated, to secure suitable occupations in civilian life.

Confidence in the Future

"I feel that any public statement made at this time would be incomplete if I failed to put on record that I recognise that but one consideration is paramount in the minds of all of us—our every energy must be expended upon the task of assisting in every way possible the prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion.

"The people of British Columbia, in common with those in every other part of our Empire, have had many bitter experiences since the fateful August 4th, 1914, when Great Britain, the Mother of Liberty, held fast to the path of duty and resolved, regardless of what sacrifices might be entailed, to summon all her strength to uphold the cause of humanity throughout the world.

"Our experiences have been bitter, but they have only served to steel our hearts to meet, undaunted and unafraid, every new danger that may confront us. British Columbians have given ungrudgingly of husbands, sons and brothers, and generously of their means—and this at a time when civil burdens, well-nigh crushing in their weight, have, as a result of the world-wide financial and commercial depression, been imposed upon them.

"Nothing in the history of British Columbia is more significant, nothing, indeed, is more promising than the measure of courage and fortitude which has been shown by our people in the face of these unexampled difficulties.

"It has been well said that 'the darkest hour is just before the dawn'; and I am profoundly of the opinion that with the achievement of the final triumphant victory which assuredly awaits the arms of the Allies, and the conclusion of a permanent peace, the clouds which now lower upon us shall be dispersed and that the dawn of a brighter and fairer day will witness a restoration of progress and prosperity in British Columbia which will amply reward us for the courage and faith we have shown in this hour of bitter trial.

Agent-General for B. C.

"In conclusion, it is hardly necessary for me to state how incapable I feel in attempting to carry on the leadership in any way comparable with the record of our former popular leader, Sir Richard McBride, but it is not without a measure of confidence that I ask the people of British Columbia to give the new Government an opportunity to show that we can succeed and thereby merit public approval. The public will be pleased to know that we are fortunate in not losing entirely the services and ability of our late Premier, because as Agent-General for British Columbia, to which position he has been appointed, we will have a most worthy representative, than whom there is no one more capable for the office nor more conversant with our great natural resources.

"It affords me pleasure at this time to again express our deep appreciation for the excellent work which the retiring Agent-General, Mr. J. H. Turner, has done while residing in London for the last fourteen years.

"I hope, together with my colleagues, to be able to visit the various portions of our great Province before a general election and discuss the public issues in each constituency, while appealing for the first time, as leader of the Government, for the endorsement of the electors, with every confidence that they will give me an opportunity to carry out the policies I have outlined.

"I beg to remain,

"Your obedient servant,

"W. J. BOWSER."

Protection for Auxiliary Cruiser

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—The French consul at Santiago has requested the Cuban authorities to give protection to the French auxiliary cruiser Quebec, lying in that port. The consul made his request on the ground that the ship was in danger of being blown up by German conspirators. The Cuban Government has furnished a guard of patrol boats.

Are Quietly Wedded at Washington

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

MRS. WILSON The New Mistress of the White House

NOW MISTRESS OF WHITE HOUSE

Mrs. Galt Becomes Bride of President Wilson—Couple Leave for Hot Springs, Virginia, to Spend Honeymoon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married at 8:30 o'clock tonight, and left afterwards to spend their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. The President and his bride traveled in a private car attached to a special train leaving here at 11:10 o'clock, which is due to arrive in Hot Springs tomorrow, at 8:15 a.m.

At Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will stay at the Homestead Hotel until after the New Year, unless some developments should necessitate the President's earlier return to the capital. Two of the White House motor cars have been sent on ahead, and the couple expect to spend their honeymoon motoring, golfing, and walking on the mountain trails. Besides the secret service guards, the party is accompanied by one stenographer. The President will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

All arrangements for the wedding ceremony were carried out perfectly, the President arriving at his bride's residence soon after 8 o'clock, and the remainder of the wedding party, which numbered less than thirty, followed soon after. The ceremony was begun, as had been arranged, at 8:30 o'clock, and was followed by a buffet luncheon.

Mrs. Wilson was married in the traveling gown she wore to the train.

Third Presidential Wedding

Mr. Woodrow Wilson is the third President to be married during his term of office. President Tyler was the first, and President Cleveland the other. Mr. Tyler, like Mr. Wilson, was left a widower during his term. Two years later, in 1844, in New York city, he was married to Miss Julia Gardiner, who then presided at the White House functions during the last year of her husband's term of office. Mr. Grover Cleveland's marriage to Miss Frances Folsom took place in the blue room of the executive mansion. It was comparatively a private affair, for the invited guests included only the Cabinet members, their wives, and a few friends and relatives of the couple.

The President and his bride both are Virginians by birth. He was born at Staunton 59 years ago this month, and she was born at Wytheville, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. William H. Bolling, and was one of a large family. Two sisters, Mrs. Alexander H. Galt and Miss Bertha Bolling, and three brothers, John Randolph, Richard Wilmor, and Julian B. Bolling, live in Washington. Rolfe E. Bolling, another brother, is manager of the Commercial Bank at Panama, and another, Dr. William E. Bolling, lives in Louisville, Ky. A third sister, Mrs. M. H. Moury, lives in Anniston, Ala. The bride's family has been prominent in the history of Virginia, and she herself is a descendant of Pocahontas, the Indian chief's daughter, who married John Rolfe.

Since 1896, Mrs. Galt has lived in Washington, belonging to none of the social sets, but active in charity and philanthropy in her own ways. From her first husband, she inherited control of a prosperous mercantile business, of which she has been regarded as the active head, and many tributes are paid to her ability. But activity in business, her friends say, never has diminished her interest in a woman's world. She loves flowers, books and outdoor recreations. After the President's courtship began, she took up golf, and on many Saturday afternoons they were seen together on the links at some one of the country clubs about the capital, or at other times taking long motor drives over the Virginia hills, or along the shore roads in lower Maryland. Often they took picnic luncheon from the White House on their journeys, and ate it by the roadside.

In the White House circle, the bride quickly found her place. She plays the piano, sings, and loves poetry, and when, in the intimacy of the family, the President often has read aloud his favorite poems, as is his custom, she is said to have been one of his most interested hearers.

French Deputy Dead

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Eduardo Vailliant, a member of the Chamber of Deputies from the Department of the Seine, is dead at the age of 76 years. He was first elected to the Chamber in 1893.

Austrian Submarine Strikes Mine

LONDON, Dec. 18.—An Austrian submarine struck a mine off Cattaro, Dalmatia, and sank with the officers and crew, according to a Central News dispatch received here from The Hague.

LAWLESS ACTS ARE DISAVOWED

German Government Says Men Who Are Making War Upon United States Are Not Its Agents or Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The New York Times has received the following authorized statement by wireless from Berlin:

"The German Government naturally has never, knowingly, accepted the support of any person, group of persons, society, or organization seeking to promote the cause of Germany in the United States by illegal acts, by counsels of violence, by contravention of the law, or by any means whatever that could offend the American people in the pride of their own authority.

"If it should be alleged that improper acts have been committed by representatives of the German Government, they could be easily dealt with. To any complaints, upon proof as may be submitted by the American Government, suitable response will be duly made.

"As is well known, the means of communication between Germany and the United States are very unsatisfactory. It is practically impossible for the German Government to keep itself in touch with American sentiment. It has often to depend upon the foreign press for information concerning American affairs.

"The message of President Wilson to Congress, in which the activities of the German sympathizers in the United States were discussed, will serve as an illustration. There was received in Germany a brief summary of those passages which referred to plots and conspiracies against peace and order in the United States, and the effect produced thereby upon sentiment in Germany was probably more painful than the American Government knew. A different impression might have been produced by the full text of the message, but, unfortunately, that would not be available in Germany until the American newspapers arrived by mail, a fortnight or three weeks later, except, as it might be taken, with doubts and reservations, from the English press.

Communication Hampered

"In the meantime, confidential communication between the German Government and its diplomatic representatives in the United States by cable or wireless is impossible, for reasons which the American Government knows. Messages by cable must pass through the English censorship, and messages in secret code by wireless are forbidden. Therefore, misunderstandings are sure to arise, while explanations are often so circumscribed or belated as to be not wholly effective.

"Apparently, the enemies of Germany has succeeded in creating an impression that the German Government is in some way morally or otherwise responsible for what Mr. Wilson has characterized as anti-American activities, comprehending attacks upon property and violations of the rules which the American Government has seen fit to impose upon the course of neutral trade.

"This the German Government absolutely denies. It cannot specifically repudiate acts committed by individuals over whom it has no control, and of whose movements and intentions it is neither officially nor unofficially informed. It can only and most emphatically declare to Germans abroad, to German-American citizens of the United States, to the American people, all alike, that whoever is guilty of conduct tending to associate the German cause with lawlessness of thought, suggestion, or deed against life, property and order in the United States, is in fact an enemy of that very cause and a source of embarrassment to the German Government, notwithstanding anything he or they may believe to the contrary."

TWO WAR VESSELS SUNK IN BALTIC

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—It has been officially announced in Berlin that the small German cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat accompanying her have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic Sea. The announcement stated that a considerable portion of the crews of the vessels were saved.

The Bremen was built in 1903. She had a displacement of 3,250 tons, was 340 feet long and 43½ feet beam, and in peace times carried a crew of 390 men.

FINANCIAL AID FOR MOTHERLAND

Plans to Furnish Credits to Be Used in Connection With Munition Purchases—May Increase Canadian Contracts.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—It would appear that the conference which the Minister of Finance had with the leading bankers here at the beginning of the month was of a more important character than was realised at the time. That it will have an important bearing upon the establishing of Canadian credits for the Imperial Government seems certain.

While the matters discussed had been under consideration by the Minister of Finance and the banks for many months back, it was felt that economic and financial conditions were not favorable to action. With our great agricultural production assured and the favorable readjustment which has taken place in general business and industry, and after the immense success of the war loan issue, it was felt that the time had arrived when Canada could consider the question of aiding the Imperial Government by extending a measure of credit to be availed of for the purchase of munitions and supplies here.

The first event after the conference was the decision by the Minister to increase the war loan to one hundred millions and set aside fifty millions as an Imperial credit with the Finance Department. This action has met with grateful approval on the part of Great Britain. The Minister of Finance in his address before the Toronto Board of Trade had suggested that some of the firms and companies whose financial position and profits have been greatly improved and increased by war orders should conserve their resources and purchase Imperial exchequer bonds. Even if they were not able to invest all their profits on three hundred millions of orders there seems no question that as much as fifty millions could be set aside for this purpose. This could be done in preference to paying abnormal dividends, and would result in substantial additional orders.

As to the other proposals discussed with the bankers, it would appear that the Minister is willing to issue notes against gold deposited in London, but not against securities, as this would involve inflation and injure Canadian credit in the United States and elsewhere, to say nothing of other evils attendant upon a depreciated currency. Then the banks might be willing to furnish a certain amount through acceptance of bills drawn by British banks, or even to purchase Imperial short-date securities to a limited extent. It is felt, however, that the business of the banks is rather to loan to customers purchasing securities than to purchase themselves. Bankers are lenders, not buyers of investment securities.

All the above questions have been fully discussed by the banks and the Minister, and the result will undoubtedly be some measure of credit extension to facilitate further purchases of war material and supplies in Canada.

QUIET DAYS IN WAR THEATRES

Speculation on Possible Moves of Belligerents When Activity Is Resumed—Lull May Last Over Holiday Season.

CHANGES EXPECTED IN BALKAN SITUATION

Preparations of Italy and Russia Indicate Danger for Teutonic Group—British Parliamentary Session.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The week-end finds the war situation in the East and West bearing the outward appearance of comparative quietude, and some observers are ready to predict that operations will virtually remain at a standstill until after the holidays.

Nevertheless there is no lack of food for speculation, particularly on the Eastern front, which now virtually stretches across two continents from North Russia to South Persia. In the extreme north there have been unofficial reports that the promised new German thrust between Riga and Dvinsk has already begun, but neither Berlin nor Petrograd confirms this in official communications.

Five hundred miles further south the Russians believe they have checked another attempt to resume the offensive in Galicia.

Balkan Possibilities

In the Balkan theatre the first chapter is closed, but with more than 2,000,000 men of different nations under arms it is unlikely that the campaign will long maintain a state of quiet. On the fringes of the Balkans there is promise of new annoyances for the Bulgarians and Germans in the Italian operations through Albania and the Russian concentration in Bessarabia. Meanwhile, in the so-called Middle East, the Russian advance to Hamadan brings strong Russian forces to within about 200 miles of Bagdad, and it is believed in the Entente capitals that these operations will put new life and new importance into the British operations in South Serbia after the recent set-backs.

The situation on the Greek frontier is surrounded with obscurity. The complications which diplomacy has recently been dealing with, are believed to be in a fair way of settlement. The Greek elections tomorrow appear not likely to be a serious factor in the situation, as the refusal of the followers of Ex-Premier Venizelos to participate will leave small chance for the elections to cause a change in Greek policy. But threat of a German advance into Greece continues, and provides numerous possibilities for upsets.

Conscription Controversy

London, in the absence of definite war developments, is devoting a large share of its attention to domestic affairs. The possibility of conscription for single men who failed to respond to Lord Derby's call is sharing the stage with proposals for a lottery scheme, which finds considerable support in the press, the plan generally favored being the issue of a five per cent bond, of which two per cent would be retained by the Government for semi-annual distribution by lot of prizes ranging from £50,000 downward.

The Government has found it impossible to prorogue Parliament before Christmas, and it is assumed that on the resumption of business on January 4th the session will continue for about a fortnight. The members probably will be summoned to return for the new session early in February.

ITALIAN COMMENT

Rome Tribuna Holds That President Wilson Must Stand by Requests in Ancona Note

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Tribuna alone comments on the Austro-American situation, saying:

"The attitude of President Wilson must become firmer, because his opponents will choose as a platform in the approaching presidential elections his weakness in a foreign policy. There is, therefore, a necessity to show energy or see his position compromised. Either Austria must concede a point or President Wilson must break off diplomatic relations. Any other solution would be fatal for President Wilson's future.

"The Austrian note was a refusal, insolent in its form, inacceptable in its answers to American requests, and, therefore, a rupture is inevitable and imminent. Austria must repudiate the crime committed, punish the assassian, and give reparation. This is the minimum that America can exact."

Another Greek Protest

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company is authority for the statement that the Greek Government has lodged a formal protest with the Entente Powers against the fortification of Salonica by the Allied forces.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 19, 1865)

School Examinations—The examinations of the Victoria Public Schools commence today at the District School, under Mr. Burr; tomorrow the examination of the Girls' School, under Mrs. Fisher, will take place, and on Friday, the Boys', under Messrs. Jessop and Nicholson. The late accident to Mr. Waddington, Superintendent of Education, will of course prevent him from taking part in the exercises.

Steam! Steam!—Tenders are called by the Government of this Island for a direct line of steamers from San Francisco for a period of twelve months, to run either twice or three times a month to this port only; twice or three times a month to this port and New Westminster, alternately, or twice or three times a month to New Westminster, calling at this port, both coming and going.

Mr. [illegible] and His Constituents—It was recently announced that the member for Salt Spring Island and Chemainus proposed to visit his constituents on the 22nd inst. We are requested to announce that in consequence of the want of steam navigation and the bad state of the weather, the visit has been postponed until the early part of next year.

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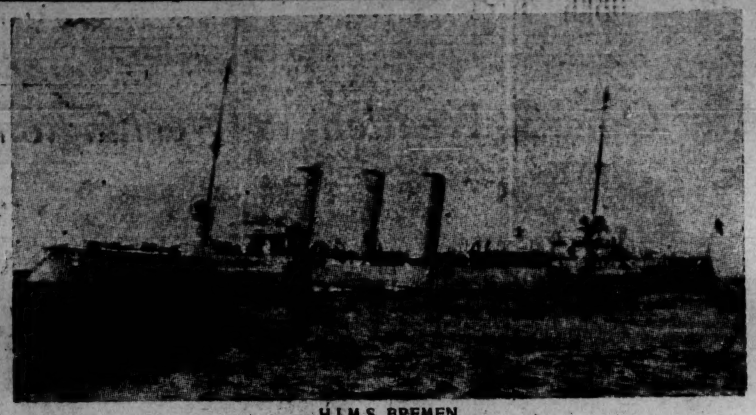

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THREE DEATHS ARE ANNOUNCED

Casualty List Has Unusually Small Number of Fatalities—Several Men Reported to Be Seriously Ill.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The following casualty list was issued tonight by the Militia Department:

1st Battalion

(Suffering from Shock)

Pte. C. C. Barker, formerly 17th, England.

2nd Battalion

(Wounded, Allowed to Return to Duty December 5th)

Pte. T. Tapp, formerly 38th Battalion, Fox River, Que.

(Wounded)

Pte. Jos. Firrit, formerly 35th, Osgode Station, Ont.

Pte. Wm. Cushman, formerly 39th, Kingston, Ont.

9th Battalion

(Died of Pleurisy)

Pte. S. J. White, formerly 10th, Oil Springs, Ont.

10th Battalion

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. Howard T. Weller, formerly 46th, Regina.

16th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Robert Sanford Graham, formerly 6th Battalion, Beachburg, Ont.

20th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Edward Lucas, Kingsville, Ont.

Third Reinforcements

(Died of Wounds, December 6)

Pte. Vernon Smith, Hamilton, Ont.

29th Battalion

(Previously Reported Missing, Now Reported Killed in Action October 8)

Pte. Thomas Wm. Brown, England.

31st Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Fred Toyne, England.

36th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. Thos. Wm. Byatt, Wilmot, Ont.

48th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. Kingsler Alan Evans, formerly 68th Battalion, Beulah, Man.

55th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. F. Patrick Murpay, St. John, N. B.

Princess Patricias

(Attached 3rd Echelon, Died December 11)

Cpl. Wm. Watson Nelson, Vancouver.

1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

(Wounded)

Pte. Wm. Thomas Ortt, Puthilda, Sask.

3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles

(Severely Wounded)

Pte. Wm. McLaren, Redcliffe, Alta.

(Wounded)

Pte. John Joseph Hall, Wilkie, Sask.

(Suffering from Shock)

Pte. Frank Needham Chapman, Blackpool, England.

Railway Construction Corps

(Seriously Ill)

Sapper Elzear Labelle, Montreal.

HYDROPLANE SHOT DOWN

German Machine Falls in Sea and Two Officers Are Captured—Artillery Work in West

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The War Office report today says:

"There were several artillery engagements last night. In the Artois district fighting at close range with torpedoes occurred near Roclincourt. Our batteries bombarded German trenches at Blaireville.

"Between the Somme and the Oise, in the region of Chaulnes, our artillery directed an offensive fire against a collection of enemy transport wagons.

"Two German hydro-aeroplanes from the airship station at Zeebrugge were fired upon by a torpedo boat north of Nieuport. One fell into the sea and the two officers on board were made prisoners.

"A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed the German manufactory at Caiffa (on the Syrian coast).

Steel Company's Dividend

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Dec. 18.—A dividend of 12 per cent on Scotia preferred—covering deferred dividends—has been declared by the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

Strike in New England

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 18.—No violence or excitement arose out of today's strike of 500 machinists and toolmakers at two of the four plants of the New England Westinghouse Company, in this city and Chicopee Falls. The river plant at Chicopee Falls, where the entire force of 400 men walked out at 9 a. m., was picketed tonight.

Phoenix Beer, 2 quarts for 25c.

DINNER TO EX-PREMIER

Sir Richard McBride, Dr. H. E. Young and Cabinet Ministers Will Be Guests of Hon. W. J. Bowser

On Wednesday evening next Premier Bowser will tender a dinner to Sir Richard McBride, Dr. H. E. Young and the members of the cabinet at the Union Club. Mr. Bowser leaves for Vancouver tomorrow evening. This will be his first visit to his constituency since his elevation to the premiership. He will return to the capital on Wednesday morning.

Through the courtesy of the Hon. Lorne Campbell, Minister of Mines, Sir Richard McBride is still occupying his old apartments at the Parliament Buildings, and this he will continue to do until his departure for London in January. Here Sir Richard is daily receiving his numerous callers as usual, besides consulting with Mr. Bowser on matters relating to departmental affairs requiring adjustment in view of the cabinet changes. Mr. Campbell is temporarily occupying the apartment which was utilized by Sir Richard as a reception room for visitors.

Sir Richard continues to receive congratulations from all quarters on his succession to the most important post in the gift of the Government, those tendering them assuring him that the Province is fortunate in being able to secure the services of one so very highly qualified for the important duties attaching to the office of Agent-General.

AUSTRIA READY FOR DISCUSSION

Text of Reply to American Note on Ancona Is Made Public—Asks for Some More Explanations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The official text of Austria's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, made public here today, reveals that the Vienna Government denies that the views presented by the United States, even if correct, warrant the blame for the disaster being placed upon the commander of the submarine.

The reply denies also that blame can be placed upon the Austro-Hungarian government even if "a most rigorous legal construction be applied to the judgment of the case."

One paragraph of the reply reads:

"However, in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the imperial and royal government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views on the affair with the government of the United States. It must, however, in the first place, raise the question as to why that government failed to give judicial reasons for the demands set forth in its note in reference to the special circumstances and the incriminating events on which it lays stress, and why in lieu thereof it refused an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in other cases. The imperial and royal government is less able to follow the Washington cabinet on this unusual path since it by no means possesses authentic knowledge on all of the pertinent correspondence of the government of the United States, nor is it of the opinion that such knowledge might be sufficient for it in the present case, which, in so far as it is informed, is, in its essential point, of another nature than in the case or cases to which the government of the United States alludes. The imperial and royal government may therefore leave it to the Washington cabinet to formulate particular points of law against which the commanding officer of the submarine is alleged to have offended on the occasion of the sinking of the Ancona.

The note also states that the Austro-Hungarian government is unable to determine what the United States intended to indicate when it mentioned the attitude which Germany had assumed toward submarines warfare.

It adds that if the United States intended "to express an opinion to the effect that a prejudice of whatever nature existed" with respect to judicial consideration of the affair, the Vienna government declares that it reserves to itself "full freedom of maintaining its own legal view."

Except for slight variations in translation, the remainder of the official text virtually is identical with the unofficial version cabled from London.

A breaking of relations with Austria is regarded as probable if the reply to Mr. Lansing's new note, now in preparation, is not satisfactory.

Wanted in New York

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Frank Sullivan, son of the late Captain Sullivan, of "Minnie M." fame, was arrested last night at Newmarket, Ont., while attending the funeral of his mother-in-law. Six months ago the police of New York notified Ontario authorities that he was wanted in connection with alleged wire-tapping frauds.

CANADA'S HELP FOR RED CROSS

Contribution From Ontario Now Reaches Total of $1,500,000—Lord Lansdowne Sends Message of Thanks.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, received a cablegram from Lord Lansdowne, reading:

"Please communicate to all concerned our grateful thanks for further contribution of £100,000 received yesterday, through the Bank of Montreal, from the Province of Ontario."

This contribution brought the total donations collected in Ontario in the Trafalgar Day campaign for the British Red Cross to $1,500,000.

Gratitude Expressed

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"We are overwhelmed with Canada's generosity," said Sir Robert Hudson, England's leading Liberal organizer and chairman of the finance committee of the Red Cross Society. "Canadians are great people. The contribution from Ontario for our Red Cross work is magnificent proof of their patriotism and their sympathy with suffering. I have had the opportunity of conveying to Gen. Jones and Col. Hodgetts our keen desire to be allowed in any way possible to show our appreciation of Canada's munificence by helping to provide comforts and little luxuries which make such a difference to the Canadian sick and wounded soldiers, wherever they may be. At best, it will be but a small return for all Canada has done for us. Not that Canada expects us to apply its contribution to meeting Canadian needs. All Canada wants to do is to minister to the lot of men fighting our battles, and who in our battles have met with wounds and sickness. It is obvious that such response from Ontario can only be achieved by a magnificent organization, and our thanks are due to all, from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught down to the children in the schools, who, either by gifts or work of collecting or organizing, have placed Canada in its proud position at the head of our overseas subscription list. Canada having enabled the Red Cross fund to reach £3,000,000 sterling before the New Year."

ITALIAN SUCCESS

Occupation of Peak Dominating Upper Astico Valley—Austrian Attacks Near Gorizia Repulsed

ROME, Dec. 18.—The following official communication has been issued by the War Office:

"At the confluence of the Totra-Astico valleys our troops succeeded in occupying the Noore peak, dominating the upper course of the Astico.

"Yesterday, December 17, on the heights northwest of Gorizia, we repulsed attempted attacks against our positions at Oslavia and opposite Peuna.

"An enemy aeroplane dropped five bombs on Tiernodisopra, in the Ledro valley. There was no damage."

Proposed Purchase of Road

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—The city council yesterday afternoon decided by a unanimous vote to enter into negotiations with other municipalities along the route for the purchase of the Metropolitan division of the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company, from Toronto to Sutton on Lake Simcoe, as authorized by the Hydro-Electric Railway Act.

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Ladies' All-Wool Cashmere Sweaters, in sky blue, saxe, purple, emerald, rose, light navy, tango and canary, for $6.00

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Hon. J. H. Turner Also Sent Government Duplicate of Resignation Lest First Letter Should Go Astray.

The attempt of the Liberal press in the Province to distort the facts relative to the resignation of the Agent-Generalship in London by the Hon. J. H. Turner, and at the same time place Sir Richard McBride in a false light, led Premier Bowser yesterday to refer to the matter once more. He said:

"I think it very regrettable that extreme partisanship should have led The Times newspaper to the point of being so unkind to Mr. Turner and Sir Richard McBride, as to suggest that either or both of them had been guilty of deceit, and it is only my desire to remove the false impression which may have been created which induces me to make reference to the subject again.

"The facts are simple. Mr. Turner's resignation, which I have before me, is dated London, October 12, and it reached Victoria on October 26. It is addressed to Sir Richard as premier. As indicating Mr. Turner's fixed determination in the matter, I may mention that on his own initiative and without any suggestion from this side, he sent a duplicate copy of the resignation on the following steamer, this action no doubt being induced by the thought that the first one might have gone astray through some mishap to the vessel in war time.

"The two copies of the resignation remained in the hands of Sir Richard until December 15, and when Sir Richard himself resigned as premier, he gave them to me. My first official act as premier was to call a meeting of the executive and pass a minute of council accepting Mr. Turner's resignation; another minute of council set out the terms of Mr. Turner's retirement, and a third dealt with Sir Richard's appointment as Agent-General.

"It is quite untrue to suggest that there was any friction at any time with Mr. Turner. The terms of his retirement will be set out in a statute which I will bring down at the next session of the Legislature. I may add that they are perfectly satisfactory to him, and very liberal. Mr. Turner's many old friends in this Province will be glad to know that ample provision has been made for his declining years, which I personally trust will be prolonged and full of happiness, as a fit reward for a well-spent life."

CAR FALLS INTO SPOKANE RIVER

Five Passengers Killed and Ten Injured Through Giving Way of Bridge Span—Held Down by Heavy Beam.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—The north span of the Division Street Bridge across the Spokane River gave way under the weight of two passing street cars today. One of the cars, carrying fifteen passengers, plunged into the river and five men were killed and ten injured. The other car, which had reached the end of the bridge, slid back until the rear end rested on the river bed. Two passengers and the crew escaped uninjured.

A seven-ton beam knocked off the top of the car that fell into the river and fell lengthwise of the car on the seats, pinning the passengers on that side of the car under the water. The passengers on the other side of the car, after being submerged, crawled up the twisted girders of the wrecked bridge and were rescued.

The bridge, as it fell, took away the water and gas pipes and the telephone and electric light wires which supply the northeast section of the city. Escaping water and gas and charged electric wires hindered immediate rescue of the survivors.

Late this afternoon the car was still submerged. A railroad wrecking car was preparing to lift it from the water. The police stated that all the dead had been recovered. Of the injured, one man's condition is serious. The dead were readily identified, all being residents of Spokane. They were passengers on the car's first trip of the day.

The city reconstructed the bridge this year, and it was pronounced safe. The city, the street car company and the prosecuting attorney have begun investigations.

GOODS FOR RUSSIA

Cargoes to Amount of 110,000 Tons to Be Shipped From Seattle—Railway Yards Congested

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—The shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse and Co. announces that it has 110,000 tons of cargo under contract to move from Seattle to Vladivostok in the next few months.

Seventeen sailings for Vladivostok have been arranged and still other steamers are being sought. There are already 325 carloads of freight in the Seattle yards, awaiting loading on steamers. The steamer Koan Maru and Yeasan Maru are due to arrive next week, and the Kenkon Maru December 28, all with heavy cargoes for Puget Sound, and to return with freight for the Russians. Following these vessels will be the Kiafuku Maru, Yeital Maru and Gieshin Maru, due in January, and the Mexico City, Unkai Maru, and one other steamer due in February.

The cargoes being assembled for these steamers include knocked down freight cars, steel rails, car wheels, cotton, leather, horseshoes, barbed wire, clothing, boots and shoes, and other freight.

SEVEN MEN DROWNED

CAMBRIDGE, Md., Dec. 18.—Seven men were drowned in Chesapeake Bay today when the oyster sloop Lady Harrington, of Oxford, capsized and sank in a gale of wind and rain.

News of the accident was brought to Cambridge tonight by Captain Chas. Parker, of the Bugeye Bush, who made heroic efforts to rescue the drowning men. His own boat was nearly capsized by the gale while going to the aid of those in the water.

Capt. Axel Pope, of the Lady Harrington, made a hard fight for life and nearly won, but sank when rescue was at hand. The other six men were members of the crew and dredgers.

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Umbrellas at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and up to $10.00
Dainty Neckwear at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and up to $2.00
Tea Aprons at 35c, 50c, 75c, 90c and up to $1.25
Silk Knitted Scarves at 90c, $1.25, $1.75, $2.50 and up to $3.50
Hand Bags at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50 and up to $6.50
Silk Hosiery at $1.00, $1.25, $1.75, $2.25 and up to $3.50
Silk Undervests at $1.50, $1.75, $2.25 and up to $3.50
Silk Blouses at $2.50, $3.50, $4.90, $5.75 and up to $10.00
Silk Sweaters at $7.50, $12.75, $16.50 and up to $18.50
Dainty Boudoir Caps at 60c, 75c, 90c, $1.00 and up to $1.75
Opera Bags, very special line, at $2.75
Silver Mesh Bags, regular up to $15.00, selling at $5.00
Wool Sweaters at $4.90, $5.50 and up to $7.75
Elder Kimonas at $7.50, $8.50 and up to $12.50
Fancy Brassiers. Special line at .....90¢
Art Needlework Novelties at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and up to $2.00
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THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

Mr. W. J. Bowser, Premier, in an address to the electors of the Province, which we print this morning, defines very clearly what will be the lines of policy upon which he and his colleagues will carry on affairs. It is a very statesmanlike pronouncement, and will, we think, commend itself to the favorable consideration of the public. That the time was at hand for the adoption of new and definite plans of action in Provincial affairs has been apparent for some time. The Colonist has endeavored to the best of its ability to make this clear, and we violate no confidence when we say that Sir Richard McBride appreciated the necessity as fully as anyone else. We have had years of vigorous and successful preparation, and the logical sequence of them is a period of utilization. The affairs of the Province must be so directed that its people will enjoy the fruits of the great work accomplished during the past decade. Space will not permit in this place even a brief resume of the policy of the late administration and its bearing upon the future of the Province. That has become a part of Provincial history to be dealt with as occasion may require. What we wish to speak of now is the plans of the new ministry, as outlined by the Premier.

Mr. Bowser thinks it well not to embark upon any experimental legislation until the crisis affecting the Empire at large, and this Province necessarily, has passed, and for the immediate future to confine public attention to matters in the nature of a readjustment of public business rendered necessary by conditions that could not have been anticipated two years ago. At the same time, he realizes that those undertakings to which the Province stands committed must be completed. This applies, among other things, to the railway policy, which the Legislative Assembly has sanctioned, and which the people upon more than one occasion have endorsed. Certain enterprises of this nature are now in hand and far advanced towards completion. Mr. Bowser proposes that they shall be fully completed at the earliest day consistent with a sound business arrangement between the Province and the companies. In this connection, we direct attention to what the Premier says about the utilization of British Columbia seaports as outlets for the products of the Prairie Provinces, and his mention of the Peace River Country. We trust we do not misinterpret his observations when we suggest that they imply action along lines for which The Colonist has steadfastly contended for several years, a policy of which the foundation stones were laid when the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific and the Pacific Great Eastern were arranged for. We take occasion to say that if Mr. Bowser has in mind the consummation of the ideas which inspired those undertakings, he will embark upon a course that will establish the prosperity of British Columbia on an enduring basis.

The reference to financial affairs and public works are necessarily of a general nature. "Courage with caution" is to be the watchword of the administration in this connection. The most pleasing feature of this part of the Premier's address is the belief he shows in the future of the Province. If expenditures must be curtailed in some lines, and this is, undoubtedly, very desirable because of the great importance of keeping the Province in a sound financial position against the conditions that will arise after the war, the curtailment will be along business lines. British Columbia must be got ready for what is certain to come when peace has been restored, and enterprise has been released from the shackles that war has placed upon it. Mr. Bowser has not indicated the direction in which he contemplates retrenchment, and it would be premature for us to express any opinion upon possible details. These must be developed from time to time. All that can reasonably be expected at this time is a statement of the general principles that will guide the administration in its action.

Five paragraphs of the address are devoted to agriculture and matters germane thereto. The public will be gratified to learn that so highly does Mr. Bowser estimate the importance of farming and kindred industries to British Columbia that one of the first steps his administration will take will be to establish a separate Department of Agriculture. The wisdom of such a course cannot fail to commend itself to persons who have given the requirements of those industries careful and intelligent consideration. Coupled with this is the announcement that a colonization policy is under consideration, and that the Agricultural Credits Act will be brought into operation as soon as the requisite financial arrangements have been made. An attempt will be made to facilitate the marketing of farm produce. These projects involve a degree of activity that will make the proposed portfolio of Agriculture one of the most responsible in the Provincial administration. We feel the greatest possible satisfaction in directing attention to these features of Mr. Bowser's address.

The reference to mining and the lumber industry show that the new administration will be fully alive to what is necessary in these important departments of activity. In what Mr. Bowser has said on these subjects, he only voices what has been in the minds of all careful observers. Intimately associated with the lumber business is the question of shipbuilding. As has been generally known, this subject is not wholly new so far as the Provincial Government is concerned. It was on several occasions brought under the notice of Sir Richard McBride and his colleagues, and those who were instrumental in so doing fully understand that some action would have been taken if there had been no change in the administration. It is certainly highly satisfactory to know that the new Premier gives it a very prominent place in the plans which he will endeavor to carry out.

The other matters referred to in the address do not call for any specific comment at this time; neither is it necessary to add anything to the observations which Mr. Bowser makes regarding the conduct and duty of British Columbia in this crisis in the world's history. His remarks concerning the office of Agent-General are in admirable taste. We feel that we can without flattery commend the address as one peculiarly fitted to the occasion. It exhibits a high appreciation of the responsibilities of Provincial leadership, a just estimate of the subjects which are at present most vital to the Province, and a combination of enterprise, courage and caution that will appeal to every section of the community. We congratulate Mr. Bowser very heartily upon it, and we congratulate the Province upon the fact that in the successor to its late far-seeing, courageous and resolute leader it has one who will point the way towards a fuller realization of the great opportunities which lie before it.

THE LARGER LIFE

"The wind," said a little boy, as he walked and climbed over the slippery rocks near the sea. "The wind is my friend. See, when I go close to the edge of the rocks, it blows very hard, because it wants me to go back, else I might fall, and it whistles down the little paths between the rocks because it wants me to follow where it's safe. And then when I am very tired and all out of breath, I just turn around with my back to Mr. Wind and he makes a cradle for me to take a rest in."

A fanciful and pretty little conceit, most people would say, but to the little boy it was much more than fancy, and to some of the rest of us, who have not put aside all analytical things with our growing up, it is more than fancy. To us the splash of the rain on our windows means something quite different from "a disagreeable day." There is something in the sharp smell of the frosty air that comes into our windows at night, that means something of more prescience than can be expressed in the mere terms of a change of temperature. And when in the morning we look from our windows to the west and realize that up there in those lonely altitudes, the sky flung down her snowy curtains all through the night, and carpeted all the green, and clothed the naked trees and shrubs, there is much behind our words when we say "There is snow on the Sooke Hills this morning."

Most of us are fond of the out-of-doors. We like to spend hours in long walks out and away from the town; or finding our way along tortuous paths that lead over rock and through valley close to the sea; or play a half day's golf in fair or inclement weather. There are few Victorians who have not the out-of-door spirit to that extent, and there are few places in the world more conducive to the fostering of it. But it seems to take poets, prophets and children to feel a real comradeship with the elements of Nature. And it is from the poets and prophets and children that we receive our greatest inspirations.

Man is a very complex sort of being. Not one among us shows his real self to the world. Outwardly we are not ourselves. Man lives his greatest moments alone with himself. In the depths of our hearts, each one of us has his little shrine, before which at supreme moments we kneel, and where we find our God. At such times all the travesty of everyday life is shorn away, and the soul of man, naked, clean, and unafraid, speaks to the Soul of the Universe. It is at such moments that man feels the reality of things that at other times are beyond his comprehension, the reality of omniscience, omnipresence, eternity; because for the space of that soul communion, his own individuality has become submerged in the infinite. This is the inner secret way to God.

But there is another way. It is the wide open way, and one finds it in the great out-of-doors. Very often without realizing it, one's feet are upon the path and impetuously, almost unthinkingly, one follows along with the wind on one side and the sunshine on the other, and presently finds oneself at the summit of some grassy or rocky eminence, at the top of a quiet hill or in the centre of a wide field or on the apex of a path near the water's edge. And the moment comes. The individuality of man is swallowed up in the great abstract of Nature. For a brief space one feels, one knows limitlessly. It is as if a door were suddenly set wide open, a door leading into a magical Unknown, and one had a glimpse of things eternal. Everything personal and egotistical vanishes. One becomes invested with a dignity wholly superhuman. The past and the present are as one to one who knows no limitations. Afterwards the memory of the moment remains. The glory of the moment to lighten everyday burdens, to dignify and make gracious the humdrumness of ordinary life, to convince one of the worth of ideals and the truth of vision.

As long as Buddha Gautama remained in his father's palace no inspiration came to him. It was when he had left family and friends and gone out into the quiet of the wood that he heard the voice of Truth. It was in the groves of the Himalayas that the Brahmin priests learned their wonderful philosophy. It was there that they tried to express in tangible terms their inspirations, and, beautiful as their hymns and poems are, they fall so far short of the actual that they wrote in all humility "From Brahma words come back baffled, as well as the mind." Spiritual enlightenment came to Mohammed after years of thought and contemplation, years spent for the most part in journeying to and fro across the desert with his caravans of merchandise. It was near the lonely cave of Mount Hara that, he said, the Angel Gabrielle came to him and spoke, as of old, God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, and instructed him how he should lead mankind. The voices spoke to Joan d'Arc as she tended the geese on the hills of her uncle's farm in Domremy. And the most glorious vision in song or story was seen by the shepherds "watching over their flocks by night, when the glory of the Lord shone round about them," and angel voices sang "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill to Men."

We cannot all be poets or prophets, and we must grow up sooner or later, but every one of us may, if we like, find in Nature the great something that each one of us most needs. The changelessness of Nature is in itself inspiring. She is the same yesterday, today and forever. Everything else changes—friends change, you and I change, old faiths give place to new, old beliefs fall before modern scientific discoveries, wars come in the midst of peace and age-old boundaries are wiped out. But Nature remains the same. The wind that touches your cheek as you go down the garden walk blew over the wooded slopes on the Straits of Juan de Fuca long before the Straits were named or Vancouver sailed the seas, or Isabella sold her jewels that Columbus might fit out his ships. The same moon your baby holds out his hands to catch, shed her soft rays over ancient Babylon when the temples of her kings were in the building; the heavens have not changed since those dim days when the world was evolving out of chaos.

It is something, is it not, to hold fast to today, when men and nations are at one another's throats, to know that, under the guiding hand of God, things that matter most keep to the even tenor of their ways, undisturbed, untroubled. If, in the extremity of our emotion, we have asked for Divine intervention at this time and looked, as every people embroiled in the war has looked, for even the aid of the elements against our enemies, calmer thought has brought with it the realization that it is just because the wonderful harmony of Nature remains unchanged, that man is able to keep his faith in God.

RECRUITING

Lord Derby's plan seems to have been a great success, although in the absence of any official announcement to that effect, it would be premature to speak with definiteness. Whether or not the necessity of resorting to conscription has been entirely obviated remains to be seen, but there is no room for doubt that the voluntary response of the British people to the call to arms has been the most amazing demonstration of patriotism the world has ever seen. We await with great interest information as to the total number of men who have come forward since the opening of the war and offered their services to the country. Perhaps reasons of state may prevent the number from being given out at present, but it is one of which the Empire may be justly proud. In proportion the people of Canada are very far behind.

THE WAR

This is the 506th day of the war.

The only item of real news regarding the war in yesterday's dispatches was that the Montenegrins had defeated an Austrian force.

Speculation continues as to the probable action of Greece in the event of an invasion of her territory by a Teutonic-Bulgarian force, but nothing has been said to render it necessary for us to qualify in any way the observations made yesterday.

Yesterday morning's dispatches appearing in The Colonist indicated considerable activity along the Western front. An opinion was expressed in one dispatch that a German offensive might be attempted at the salient of St. Mihiel, which is in eastern France, but this is only a guess. Conditions have been very quiet along this part of the line for some time, and we fancy that the French occupy positions which the enemy cannot hope to take.

The position of Germany at the time is very serious from a point of view that has not been much discussed. That she desires peace is evident; but that the Entente Powers will not grant peace except upon their own terms is also clear. If Germany should consent to peace without being conceded anything for the tremendous losses she has sustained, the life of the Hohenzollern dynasty, and possibly also the lives of its members, would not be worth an hour's purchase. Any settlement which the Kaiserite may demand will be as nothing compared with what the German people will demand of their rulers when the inevitable end arrives.

If Mr. Henri Bourassa proposes to continue his seditious utterances, it would be a most excellent thing to put him where he would have to talk to stone walls.

Austria's note to the United States is what would be called monumental cheek in the case of an individual. Uncle Sam never before has had to deal with just such a proposition; neither, for that matter, has anyone else.

No flourish of trumpets seems to have greeted the Ford bunch on arrival in Christiania. Now that these people have got across the Atlantic, it would be interesting to know just what they think of their own performance.

To spend all day writing a note to Austria and to get married to a charming lady in the evening is another demonstration of Solomon's mistake when he said there is nothing new under the sun.

Mr. Brewster, according to a Vancouver dispatch, announces that the by-elections are to be contested. By and bye he is going to tell us why they should be contested. We suggest that he might at the same time take the public into his confidence and tell them what he finds objectionable in Mr. Bowser's programme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

The Times and the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt

Sir,—All readers of the issue of The Times of December 16, whether Liberals or Conservatives, must feel annoyed and disgusted with the attack on the hon. gentleman who has just accepted the portfolio of Minister of Finance. The miserable insinuations, which state nothing to the detriment of the Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt, are cunningly devised to deceive some few, who, like The Times, cannot see good in anything Conservative, or who do not know how highly he is esteemed throuhout the Province for his ability and integrity, but they will not have the slightest effect upon Mr. Flumerfelt or upon his election. In the two statements made The Times, in the first one, shields itself under the name of Parker Williams, M.P.P., and in the other under the name of the labor men.

With regard to passing over Mr. H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., he has publicly stated that it is his intention to retire from public life, and therefore he is out of the question.

The Hon. W. J. Bowser, the new Premier, in forming his cabinet naturally sought for his Minister of Finance a man of known financial ability and integrity and one who is so well known in the community that his name is a guarantee of safe, careful and financial administration, as the prosperous condition of all those financial and industrial concerns in which he has been, or is an administrator, proves. Even the Boundary Country which Mr. Parker Willianms mentioned is far more prosperous now than it was when Mr. Flumerfelt first became interested in it.

In these times of stress we need the best and ablest men we can get to steer the ship of state, and the only reason that can be given for The Times' attack is that it fears the success of the new Minister of Finance will be so great that it will not leave an opening out of which The Times will be able to make political capital.

C. E. REDFERN.
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1915.

An Appreciation

Sir,—The entertainment given last evening by the children and teachers in South Park schoolroom, deserves a public acknowledgment.

The amount of thought, labor and patience, not to speak of the expense, on the part of teachers, children and parents, speaks highly for their patriotism and is deserving of every encouragement.

THOS. W. PALMER.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17, 1915.

OFFICERS RESIGN

Four Members of Staff of 67th Battalion, C.E.F., Retire

It was stated yesterday that the resignations of several officers of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, had been presented to Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, the O. C., and had been accepted. Those who have retired are: Lieut. H. C. Badger, No. 1 Company; Lieut. H. M. Grahame, No. 2 Company; Lieut. J. Hinton, No. 1 Company; and Lieut. G. White Fraser, supernumerary. Lieut. Duncan has been made second in command of No. 2 Company, and Lieut. G. H. D. Wooler is placed in command of No. 6 Platoon, No. 2 Company.

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Glass Salad Bowls, Celery Holders and Trays, Butter Dishes, Pickle Jars, Nut Crackers, Corkscrews, Shaving Mugs, Holly Pattern China, Peppers and Salts, Shirred Egg Dishes, Rose Bowls, Olive Dishes, etc.

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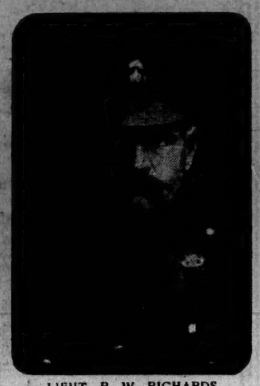
Lieut. R. W. Richards Is Engaged in Training Newly-Formed Unit—Has Had a Long Military Career.



LIEUT. R. W. RICHARDS

One of the outstanding features of the present war has been the enormously important part played by machine-guns. That the Government of Canada realizes this has been amply demonstrated by the decision of the Department of Militia to equip each battalion sent overseas from this country with 16 guns. It is obvious that the selection of the machine-gun officer is a matter of the greatest importance to every overseas battalion. The officer selected to occupy that position in the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C. E. F., is Lieut. R. W. Richards, who is now engaged in forming his section.

Lieut. Richards has a long military career behind him. He served for eighteen years in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, holding the rank of color-sergeant for the five years previous to leaving the service. For six years Lieut. Richards was stationed in South Africa with the Dublin Fusiliers, and during that time he fought through the whole of the South African war. For that campaign he holds the King's and Queen's medals, the former with three claspa, and the latter with two. He also holds the decoration for long service in the Imperial army. It is evident that he is the right man in the right place.

Already Lieut. Richards has commenced the training of his men in the work which will be expected of them at the front. The course through which all must pass begins with a thorough study of the mechanism of the gun itself. For instructional purposes the 88th Machine Gun Section has a Colt weapon. It is essential, of course, that a machine-gun man should know the principles of ordinary musketry. Having grasped the elementary features of the work, the class will be instructed in the use of the tripod, and will learn how to bring their guns into action in the shortest possible space of time.

A machine-gun man probably needs more nerve and initiative than almost any other branch of the service. Lieut. Richards, in his training, endeavors to encourage his men to think for themselves and not to be too dependent on their fellows. The functions of the machine-gunners include taking advantage of every opportunity which may offer; they must be prepared to assist the infantry in every way possible, and, in case of need, must be ready to cover the retreat of the main body of their battalion, often at the risk of sacrificing themselves. The work carries with it its full share of danger, and it is of such importance that only the best material available is selected to form this section.

Lieut. Richards has selected the following N. C. O.'s and men to work under him: Cpl. G. O. Morris, Lance-Cpl. Coton, Ptes. A. Benrodt, J. Macdonald, F. A. Lidgate, W. H. Knowles, E. Hill, W. H. Green, P. F. Armstrong, D. Hagan, A. J. Loaderm, C. Rivers, F. Barber-Starkey, G. T. Fletcher, L. S. Borton, F. W. Raddish, E. M. B. Vaughan, C. H. Cross, G. Leeming, H. G. Stirton, P. G. Crosswell, J. R. Donaldson, A. D. Bell, J. Lines, A. T. Boyle, J. Boyle, A. Jones and F. Lamerton.

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LEAVE TOMORROW ON TOUR OF SAANICH

No. 3 Company, Western Scots, the Machine Gun Section and Band Will Visit Saanichton and Sidney.

All arrangements have been completed for a detachment of the Western Scots to go to Sidney tomorrow. The force will consist of No. 3 Company, under Captain Nicholson, the Machine Gun Section under Lieut. Okell, the brass band under Sergt. Gaiger and details from the working units of the battalion, totalling about 275 men of all ranks.

The itinerary is as follows: Leave Willows Camp 7:15 a. m., entrain at the V. S. station at 8:15. If fine, the column will detrain at Saanichton, where field manoeuvres will be carried out in the morning, ending with the men preparing their own lunches in the field. The band will give an open-air concert in the Agricultural grounds at Saanichton from 12:30 till 2 p. m. By then the troops will have finished their lunches and the column will move off by road to Sidney, headed by the band, where it should arrive about 4 o'clock. The troops will then be alloted to their billeting quarters, kindly provided by the residents of Sidney, guards mounted, etc., and a meal prepared by the regimental cooks on proper camp fires.

The brass band has been given the necessary permission and, with the assistance of individual talent, for which the battalion is so well known, will render a first-class concert in Berquist's Hall at 7 o'clock that evening, the band returning to camp by train early on Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday the troops will spend the day in the vicinity of Sidney digging trenches and preparing other field works, while one section will do actual bomb throwing with real live bombs, just as are used in the trenches at the front. These bombs will be made on the ground.

On Wednesday an early start will be made, the whole column marching by road to Victoria, which will be a real route march under proper service conditions in every detail.

Staff Officer Visits Coast

Capt. R. Palmer, staff officer to General Sir William Otter, arrived in Vancouver on Friday morning. He will spend some days in Victoria before returning. Beyond stating that he is visiting the Coast on official business, Capt. Palmer would make no statement for publication.

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Recruiting for the 143rd Battalion will begin immediately after the opening of the New Year, and it is expected that little time will be lost in reaching full strength. That the B. C. Bantams will be an excellent battalion, capable of taking its place with the best of the infantry battalions for overseas service with the Canadian forces Lieut.-Col. Bruce-Powley feels assured. From all parts of the Province interest in its formation is being displayed.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Raffle for Work [illegible]—The winning number for the screen raffled for the Blue Cross Fund is 43. The holder of the ticket is asked to present it at the New Method Laundry, 1302 Douglas Street. Miss Betty Crawford drew the lucky number.

For the Red Cross—The sum of $94 has been handed over to the Red Cross Society by St. Jude's Mission, as a result of the sale of tickets for a handworked teacloth. The holder of ticket No. 62 has won the cloth. The cloth may be had at the Red Cross Headquarters, Temple Building, on producing ticket No. 62.

Question of Tonnage—Preliminary to a joint conference of the Coast Boards of Trade on the same subject, there will be a meeting of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association at Vancouver on Tuesday evening next to discuss the question of tonnage and the need of Provincial cooperation in the shipbuilding industry.

Motorists Victims of Thieves—Numerous complaints have of late been made by owners of motor cars from which expensive rugs have been stolen. The thefts have generally been perpetrated while the owners left their cars standing outside theatres, stores, etc. Nearly a score of such thefts have been reported to the police.

Assault Charged—Robert Fitzgerald and George Burgess appeared before the police magistrate in the Esquimalt Court yesterday, charged with assaulting Petty Officer James Larkin. The accused were members of the crew of SS. Karema, which is now on her way to Seattle. They were remanded to Monday morning.

Sanitarium Report—The Tranquille Sanitarium at Kamloops in its report for November shows that there were 100 patients in desidence at the end of the month. Large donations of clothing were received from the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Rebekah Lodge of Kamloops; magazines from the Molson's Bank, Vancouver; $50 from J. A. Gill, Kamloops, and $2.50 from F. H. Malcolm, Rossland.

Deer More Plentiful—Mr. F. Bryan Williams, the Provincial game warden, in a statement issued at Vancouver, declares that deer are becoming more plentiful instead of diminishing, in spite of the large number of hunters. This is in part due to the stringent game laws, the patrol by game wardens and the decrease of cougars. The season is said to have been a particularly good one in all branches of hunting.

Food Products Committee—On Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock the Board of Trade's special committee on domestic food products will meet for the purpose of furthering its plans with respect to obtaining better co-operation between farmers and between farmers and merchants. The committee, as now constituted, includes not only members of the Board of Trade, but representatives from other commercial, public and agricultural organizations.

Organization Meetings—A meeting of those interested in the prohibition movement in Ward 2, Saanich Municipality, was held at St. Mark's Hall, Maywood, on Friday evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. A. Bird; vice-president, Mr. C. Pointer; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. Chave. An address was delivered by Mr. H. J. Knott, Island organizer. The work of organization will be completed on Tuesday.

Orphans Will Be Entertained—Through the kindness of the Island Automobile Club the inmates of the Protestant Orphans' Home will have a thoroughly enjoyable outing on Christmas morning. The club members have arranged to give the youngsters a drive about the city and environs and at Beacon Hill Park a photograph of the cars with their inmates will be taken. The motorists are determined that the orphans shall have the time of their young lives.

Seeking Homesteads—On Wednesday morning next a parcel of Dominion land is to be opened for homestead entry at New Westminster. It is officially described as the south half of section 17, township 1, west of the Coast Meridian, and its western boundary is approximately half a mile from Ocean Park, a station on the Great Northern line between Crescent and White Rock. It is logged-off land. Homesteaders must reside on the land six months each year for three years, thoroughly clear and cultivate four acres, and clear and sow to grass four more.

Discuss Water Agreement—At a meeting between representatives of the Oak Bay Council and the city yesterday discussion took place of the terms of the proposed agreement between the two municipalities respecting the supply of water to Oak Bay from the Sooke Lake system. Reeve Oliver, Councillor Gordon, the municipal engineer and solicitor represented Oak Bay, and Mayor Stewart, Water Commissioner Rust, City Comptroller Raymur and City Solicitor Hannington, the city. The arrangement calls for the supply to Oak Bay of water at a rate of six cents per thousand gallons delivered at the inter-municipal boundary. The terms of the agreement were settled and will be incorporated in a formal arrangement for signature by both municipalities to become effective as from January 1.

For Esquimalt Home—The following donations received by the Esquimalt Convalescent Home are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Acton, dressing gown; Mrs. Gardner, periodicals; Anonymous, Japanese oranges; Mrs. and Miss Anderson, magazines and preserves; Western Supply Co., fruit, cake, tobacco and magazines; Mr. Prins, oranges; Mr. Nunns, figs; Mrs. Foulkes, jam; Friends of the "Babe," cakes; Mrs. and Miss Hunt, flowers and magazines; Miss Russell, fruit; Anonymous, raisins; Mrs. J. Irving, fresh eggs; Mrs. Carroll, magazines and books; Mrs. E. D. Todd, flowers; the Misses Tolmie, ten beautiful chairs; Mrs. Day, oranges; Miss Bowker, oranges; Miss Munsie, candy; Mrs. Cameron, tobacco and cigarettes; Mrs. Smith, chicken; Mrs. Beaven, magazines; Mrs. Goulding Wilson, potted chrysanthemums; Mrs. J. D. Jay, pickles; Anonymous, 500 cigarettes and Christmas papers; Mrs. Dee, fruit.

Timber Statistics—The timber statement for the month of November issued by the Minister of Lands, shows that the total scale of sawlogs for the Province amounted to 47,436,312 ft. B.M., in addition to 291,577 lineal feet of piles and poles and 9,386 cords of ties, shingle bolts and posts, etc. The sawlogs scaled in the various districts are as follows: Vancouver, 31,319,771 feet, Cranbrook 6,933,170 feet, Nelson 2,572,906 feet, Island 3,201,743 feet, Vernon 1,037,901 feet, Kamloops 790,541 feet, Prince Rupert 482,769 feet. In the Nelson district 203,992 lineal feet, and in Cranbrook division 35,370 lineal feet of poles and piles were scaled. Shingle bolts, etc., scaled in the Vancouver district amounted to 7,346 cords. During the month timber sales recorded cover an estimated total of 6,800,009 feet sawlogs, and 6,300 feet of poles and piles, calculated to produce a revenue of $12,494.

Temperance Rally—A very pleasant evening was spent on Monday last at the First Presbyterian Church, when the young people of the Epworth League held a temperance rally. The chief feature of the programme was the delivery of a series of addresses by temperance elocutionists selected from the many medal contestants of the West End W.C.T.U. Those who took part were the Misses Amy Johnson and M. Knappett, and the Messrs. Albert Leigh, Thos. Temple, E. McKiel and Victor Leigh. The addresses were agreeably interspersed by well-rendered solos from Miss Rankin, and Messrs. J. O. Perry and Ogilvie. Mr. Smith contributed a piano solo, and acted very acceptably as accompanist. Rev. Mr. Inkster, pastor of the church, presided, and in an address, urged the young people to take a stand in the present campaign against the liquor traffic.

Hospital Christmas—The committees in charge of the Christmas Festival at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, reminds the many friends of that institution that contributions will be gladly received to help towards making the season a bright and happy one for the patients, and for those whose duties keep them within its walls. Holly, toys, ivy, ferns and green cut flowers and pot plants, decorations and bon-bons will all be most acceptable. Donors are asked to send in their contributions early, as the preparations for the Christmas trees and the decorations of the hospital and chapel, will be carried out on Thursday in order to prevent pressure on Christmas Eve. The Daughters of Pity will meet for this work on Tuesday afternoon. There will be the usual carol singing early on Christmas morning and a service in the chapel. It is felt that for a moment minds may turn away from the sad and urgent circumstances of the Empire, and listen to the message Christmas brings. In remembering the city, its churches, institutions and homes people are remembering too those men who daily stand ready, half a world away, to preserve all these.

Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association—The new lodge Britannia No. 216, of the L.O.B.A., was instituted in the Orange Hall, Yates Street, by Mrs. J. J. Tulk, the Most Worshipful Past Grand Mistress of British America, assisted by Mrs. Charles Elliott, Worthy Mistress of No Surrender No. 90, of Vancouver, and the officers of Purple Star No. 104, of Victoria. Thirty candidates were initiated, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy mistress, Mrs. A. J. Warren; dept. mistress, Mrs. A. Gilson; senior committee, Mrs. Wicks; recording secretary, Mrs. Boonde; financial secretary, Mrs. Richdale; treasurer, Mrs. King; chaplain, Mrs. J. Knowles; director of ceremonies, Mrs. Keating; first lecturer, Mrs. Nicholas; second lecturer, Mrs. Elliott; musician, Miss Doris Boonde; standing committee, Mesdames Hurst, Harrison, Trip, Boonde; inside guard, Mrs. White; outside guard, Mr. Keathley; past worthy mistress, Mrs. Gray; guardian, Mr. R. Jameson. After the installation of officers beautiful bouquets were presented to Mrs. J. J. Tulk, Mrs. Charles Elliott, Mrs. Manson and Mrs. A. J. Warren. Refreshments were then served and a very enjoyable evening spent. Mrs. J. J. Tulk and Mrs. Chas. Elliott were the guests of Mrs. A. J. Warren, Leonard Street, during their stay in Victoria.

Board Meeting Is Held—The monthly meeting of the diocesan board of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions was held on December 17, in the Cathedral Sunday School under the auspices of St. Mary's Branch, Oak Bay. The proceedings opened with a Bible reading by Miss Cowley, president of St. Mary's, who also cordially welcomed the board. The organizing secretary reported a very pleasant visit to Colwood, and spoke of the beautiful frontal just made by the Church Embroidery Guild. On December 26, in the Cathedral, five boys from the Chinese Mission are to be baptized. A resolution read by Mrs. Toller and seconded by Miss Crease "That the diocesan board of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions be affiliated with the local Council of Women," was carried, Miss Crease briefly explaining the aims and work of the council. It was proposed by Miss Cowley and seconded by Mrs. Littler that Mrs. Schofield be appointed delegate. The noon hour address was given by the Rev. Mr. Greenwood, who spoke on "Intercessory Prayer." It was announced by the president that a handsome gift of £100 yearly had been offered to the board by Miss Aston to be used in any way it should think fit, and after consulting Canon Gould it was decided to devote the first £100 to build a dispensary at Mandi, Kangra, India. The literature secretary hoped that members would carefully study the year book. Letters were read from Mrs. Doull and Miss Nixon, of Alert Bay. The latter said that six girls from the Indian Home had been confirmed. Archdeacon Collinson spoke of the work he was just about to enter on in the northern district, and asked for the support and prayers of the auxiliary. The junior superintendent reported receipts of $233, treasurer's receipts $175.90, and expended $51, and E. C. D. secretary $6.90. The dorcas secretary reported a large number of Christmas hampers, etc., sent out to the various hospitals and missions. The current events of the W. A. work were given by Mrs. Gahan of St. Mary's. Ten dollars was voted for hardware for the Alert Bay Boy's School. A committee of three was formed to rearrange the hours of the quarterly meeting.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 18, 1915.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer is rising over this Province and more settled weather may prevail, while on the Coast moderate winds are general. Rain has fallen here and on the Lower Mainland, and more snow is reported in Cariboo.

TEMPERATURE

Victoria, B. C.	40	44
Vancouver	38	38
Kamloops	14	32
Barkerville	14	24
Prince Rupert	34	40
Atlin	12	30
Dawson, Y. T.	—8	—
Calgary, Alta.	12	28
Winnipeg, Man.	—6	4
Portland, Ore.	38	46
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58
Port Arthur	12	20
Penticton	23	29
Nelson	23	30
Cranbrook	7	27

SATURDAY

Highest	44
Lowest	40
Average	42
Minimum on grass	37

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This we find will be impossible, as our new store will not be ready for occupation until after Christmas.

And now there has arrived the huge new stock of Christmas Goods which we had bought specially for the opening!

This comprises a splendid assortment of:

Diamond and Gem Set Rings, Necklets, La Valliers, Tie Pins, Platinum, Enamel, Gold, Gold-Filled and Silver Bracelet Watches, Radium Dial Wrist Watches, Plain and Stone-Set Gold and Platinum Bracelets, Lockets, Links, Earrings, Signet and Lodge Emblem Rings, Gold and Mother-of-Pearl Links, Stud and Vest Sets, Indestructible Pearl Bead Necklets, Solid Silver and Plated Tea Sets, Service Trays and Baskets, Toilet and Manicure Articles, Solid Silver Desk Clocks and Novelties, Cigarette, Match Safe, Card, Coin and Vanity Cases, English Oak and Silver Salad Bowls, Biscuit, Jam and Butter Dishes, Etc., Silver-Plated Casseroles, Entree Dishes, Muffin Dishes and English Cutlery, Mantle, Office and Desk Clocks, Ladies' and Gents' Leather Overnight Traveling Sets and Handbags, Brass Smoking Sets, Cut Glass, China, Sterling Silver Novelties, Silver Flatware, Roger Bros.' Plated Flatware, Silver Deposit on White China, Brown Betty Tea Sets, Ebony and Ivory Goods, Walking Sticks, Umbrellas, Etc.

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Notice

The Annual General Meeting of The Victoria Sealing Co. will be held on Friday, December 24, in the Board of Trade Rooms, at 3 p.m.

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SALES WILL BE HELD TWICE EACH DAY

Superfluities Auctions to Continue Until Christmas Eve—Total Proceeds Are Now Over $3,000.

Sales held at the Superfluities rooms, Belmont House, yesterday afternoon realized about $400, there being a particularly good demand for articles sold out of hand, although the attendance at the auction was not so good as it might have been.

It was announced yesterday by Mr. Henry Pearce, of the sales committee, that auctions would be held during Christmas week every day and that one would be held in the afternoon and one in the evening each day. The afternoon sales will begin at 2 o'clock and continue till 4 o'clock, while the evening auctions will begin at 8 o'clock and last two hours. During the week a number of articles, donated to be sold for the benefit of the Belgian Relief by special request, will be disposed of.

It is requested that all contributions from the public in the shape of superfluities be sent to the Belmont House rooms on or before next Thursday.

The sales to be held tomorrow and during the days following until Christmas Eve are expected to attract large crowds. Articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be offered for sale, and it will be to the bargain hunter's advantage to attend if full value for money is desired. Nothing is offered for sale that is not of good quality and guaranteed. Goods ranging from below one dollar to several hundreds of dollars' value will be sold, and without reserve.

All the goods have been assessed and marked with their value and may be purchased out of hand at any time during the day if the intending purchaser finds it impossible to attend the auction sales.

Livestock sales will be held during the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday at the auction rooms of Messrs. Francis and Hemingway, and these should attract many bidders. Harness, carriages, horses, hogs, poultry, etc., will be offered.

Mr. F. Landsberg will act as honorary auctioneer at the sales in the Belmont house which are to be held during the week.

The cash receipts from the Superfluities Sales to date amount to well over $3,000.

FRIENDLY HELP TO ASSIST 150 FAMILIES

Donations of Provisions Being Received at Market Building Headquarters—Will Be Distributed Among Poor.

It is estimated that 150 poverty-stricken families in Victoria will be benefited this Christmas by the Friendly Help Association, and elaborate preparations are being made by this organization to collect provisions.

The appeal of the Friendly Help has met with splendid response throughout the city and the spacious rooms in the Market Building, formerly occupied by the Detective Department, are being gradually filled with packages of various food commodities donated during the past week.

The schools of the city have been particularly generous in making contributions to the fund of provisions and the pupils of practically all the public schools in which domestic science is taught, have sent in plum puddings, neatly and attractively done up, which will undoubtedly be received with delight by many households which otherwise might not be able to afford the luxury.

A splendid consignment of garments was sent in by the local branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and these are already being packed by the committee of workers under the charge of Mrs. Cessford.

The distribution of hampers containing the Christmas gifts will be made on Friday evening, and it is specially requested that all people intending to donate do so some time tomorrow, in order that congestion during the latter part of the week may be avoided. At the present time, all kinds of provisions are the most acceptable donations, and they should be left at the Friendly Help rooms, Cormorant Street, any time during the day.

RED CROSS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Activities of Organization Limited During Christmas Period—Other Charities Need Assistance

In consequence of the closing of the Red Cross rooms from Tuesday afternoon until Monday, January 3, the regular meetings of the executive committee, customarily held on Friday, will not take place during the Christmas holidays, nor will there be any meeting of the general committee in December.

During the interval that the workrooms at the Temple Building are closed, arrangements have been made to take care of all donations sent in notwithstanding this notice. No packing or shipping will be done, however.

It is hoped that the opportunity afforded the public to contribute to local charities, such as the provision of necessities for the poor, will be taken advantage of, as the demands of the Red Cross will temporarily cease after Tuesday afternoon.

ALL TICKETS SOLD

Drawing for Winner of Grizzly Bear Skin Will Take Place on Thursday Morning

All the tickets for the raffle of the big grizzly bear skin, conducted by Mr. R. M. Byrne, circulation manager of The Colonist have been sold. No less than 1,812 tickets were disposed of, the receipts amounting to $906. The expenses incurred by the raffle amounted to $6, so that the round sum of $900 will be handed over to the Patriotic Fund.

The drawing for the lucky contestant will be held on Thursday, at 11 a.m., under the auspices of Chairman A. C. Burdick, of the Campaign Committee, and a committee of business men. Mayor Stewart will draw the ticket.

The bear skin was donated by Mrs. D. Wooley, of Cedar Hill Road, and the raffle commenced on December 16, being closed last night.

Thanks are extended to Mr. T. L. Boyden for arranging the electric lights to display the skin in The Colonist windows, and also to the public who so liberally patronized the raffle.

BURIED AT VANCOUVER

Late Mrs. F. Revely Was Member of Well-Known Victoria Family—Sisters Reside Here

Funeral services for Mrs. F. Revely, who died in Vancouver last Wednesday, took place on Friday afternoon from the residence of Dr. Farish, her son-in-law, 738 Bute Street, Vancouver. The ceremony conducted at Christ Church, was performed by Rev. C. S. McGaffin, the rector, and burial was made in the family plot at Mountain View cemetery, the pallbearers being Messrs. H. T. Lockyer, Gilbert Blair, W. H. Ker, E. A. Thomas, J. W. Hackett and Col. Thomas Tracy.

The late Mrs. Revely was well known both on the Mainland and on Vancouver Island, as she belonged to an old Victoria family. She came to this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowen, when only an infant, and resided here until twenty years ago. She married Capt. Revely, who, previous to his death some time ago, acted as British Columbia agent of the department of marine and fisheries. She was interested in the activities of the church and was identified with several benevolent societies, while he was noted for her charity.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter, the latter having spent several years in Victoria. One son, Fred, is in Cariboo, and the other, Charles, is a resident of Vancouver. The daughter is Mrs. (Dr.) Farish, from whose residence the funeral was held. There also survive her aged mother, Mrs. C. N. Gowen, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. C. N., George and F. A., Gowen; Mrs. H. Cooper, Mrs. Thain, Mrs. F. Carne and Miss Gowen, all of whom, except Mrs. Cooper, live in Victoria.

EXPECT TAG DAY TO COMPLETE FULL TOTAL

If Tuesday's Final Appeal Produces $30,000 City's Share of Patriotic Fund Will Have Been Subscribed.

Tuesday's tag day will be the final effort of the campaign committee of the Patriotic Aid Society to reach the $200,000 mark set by the committee as Victoria's share of the fund in aid of the dependents of the men on active service. It will be the climax of a canvas which has been prosecuted with energy and which has to date accounted for practically $170,000 of the amount aimed at. It is the belief of the committee that tag day will result in the balance being subscribed and that when the day is ended it will be possible to announce that Victorians have risen to the occasion and done their bit.

The tag day occasion will be a notable one, and the ladies who have undertaken the arrangements with an enthusiasm which argues well for results, are sparing no effort to make the final appeal as impressive and seductive as possible. The military will play a most important part on the occasion. There will be a parade of all the local military units and an inspection thereof by Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C. The bands of the various corps will hold a series of concerts at various points in the downtown section during the afternoon and evening.

As soon as the campaign committee is able to get in every list and the results of the canvas are tabulated, the full details will be made public. The committee knows approximately the amounts which will be received from various sources, and is convinced that, with the tag day receipts aggregating $30,000, the full total of $200,000 will be secured. New subscriptions announced yesterday were as follows:

Subscriptions from $50 to $150—Chinese Benevolent Society, $136.50.

Subscriptions up to $50—H. T. Slade, $15; Friend, 50c; T. Grayson, $10; Friend, $2; J. Bannerman, $25; D. Lehman, $5; Quadra Street school children, $22.50; R. W. Shaw, $5.

Greek residents subscribed as follows: Willows Fruits Store, $3; M. Hodges, $1; Gus Pagonis, $1; Alex Surris, $1; S. Chirgraps, $1; Steve Parkoi, 50c; A. Cirpett, $1; M. Sakis, 50c; G. Dougenes, 50c; C. Coutiens, 50c; S. Thomas, 50c; M. Lennory, 50c; Royal Candy Company, $1; J. Balmar, $1; Mother's Bakery, $5; Ealos, 50c; A. Liogatros, 50c; D. K. Chungranes, $10; W. M. Cassidy, $5; S. Franjor, $1; P. G. Vienna, $1; C. G. Chungranes, $1; Tony Karahalic, $1 Edith Reichling, $1; S. D. Chungranes, $1; S. Stamataris, $2; Royal Candy Factory, $2; Jack W. West, $1; Geo. Mowloganis, $1; P. Vasilou, $1; Triantaxilla Bros., $5; Tony Harris, $5; H. Collins, $1.50; Peter Karis, $1; Sam K. Campbell, $1; Chas. S. Erriker, $1; J. Sikas, $2; Anonymous, $1; J. Frenjos, $1; Vanitatos Bros., $2; Peter Collins, $2; Geo. Raftis, $1; J. Falcona, $1; Nick Teapis, $1; J. Zafiris, $1; Blue Point Oyster House, $5.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Final tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. John Geldard, yesterday, on the occasion of his funeral, which took place at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral chapel. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiated, and read the 90th Psalm during the service held later in St. John's Church. The full choir was in attendance, and the hymns, "So Soon Passeth Away," and "Peace, Perfect Peace," were sung. Members of the Far West Lodge, No. 1, attended in a body, and many flowers covered the casket. The pallbearers were: Messrs. G. M. Tripp, J. L. Loyd, W. H. Armstrong, D. S. Mowat, T. Lancaster, and Capt. S. Fraser, all of whom are Masons. The Masonic services were conducted at Ross Bay Cemetery by Worshipful Master Duncan W. B. McClane.

The Rev. Dr. John Hogg, for many years minister of St. Giles' Church, Winnipeg, Man., is on a visit to his daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Rev. A. P. Ledingham, will preach in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church today at 11 a. m. Dr. Hogg has many friends in this city, who will welcome this announcement.

WILL ENTERTAIN 1,200 CHILDREN

Rotary Christmas Tree at the Royal Victoria Theatre Will Be Big Event for Little Ones.

The details for the big Rotary Club entertainment and Christmas tree for the little folks of Victoria to whom the traditional spirit of the season might otherwise be absent, are now well in hand. They are so well in hand, in fact, that the committee is permitted to relax slightly from the very busy period which has followed the inception of the idea.

This Rotary idea is not a charity. It is very far from the popular meaning of the word, for it expresses one of the things that makes Rotary live. For the entire club, and particularly for the ten or twelve members of the committee, it has been a labor of love, literally so. Practically every member of the club is a father, and the same spirit has actuated him in this undertaking as would were the little beneficiary one of his own children. This spirit has been exemplified in the manner in which all contributions received by the committee which were found unsuitable to the occasion, have been absorbed by members of the club and their cash value used to purchase more desirable gifts.

There has been nothing haphazard about the work. Every recipient of an invitation to the club's hospitality, received a personal visit from a member of the committee. His tastes and desires were discovered, and have been met in some one most important particular in distributing the gifts. Each Christmas packet will contain at least one suitable, substantial contribution to bodily comfort. There are dozens of pairs of boots that will fit, sweaters that are wooly and warm, with perhaps a knitted cap to match, warm dresses and stockings, and mufflers, and scores of other serviceable articles. The two infants in the list will receive each a wonderful collection of dainty things, such as would quicken the interest of any mother.

Ready for Distribution

These gifts are all new and all good. They have been selected from point of utility. Hundreds of dollars have been spent by the club in their purchase, and as much more in value has been contributed in goods. All these bundles are now neatly wrapped, labeled for their future possessors, and laid in long rows in the committee room. Tomorrow evening the committee will meet, and to each of these bundles will be attached an attractive toy, wrapped separately. They then will be arranged alphabetically in groups of ten, and packed in baskets to await the afternoon of Thursday, the 23rd.

A huge tree is being erected on the stage at the Royal Victoria Theatre. Messrs. Carter & McKenzie are illuminating it with a hundred tiny electric globes, and great pains are being taken to make it bright and attractive.

Each guest of the club has been presented with a tastefully printed invitation, which shall be his passport to the pleasures of the afternoon. The children, with their escorts, are to be seated in the theatre at 2 p.m. sharp, after which they will be the guests of the management at a special series of comedy films for their pleasure. It is very necessary that all shall be seated at the appointed time in order to avoid delay when the distribution of gifts begins.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the curtain will be lifted on the scene of Christmas cheer at the moment the Rotary "Santa" steps from his sleigh to welcome the guests. The children will then be called alphabetically, in groups of ten. They will pass along a specially constructed runway to the left of the stage, where they will receive, in order, their own particular gift. They will then pass on to the right, and before leaving the stage, will receive a packet of candy and an assortment of fruit and nuts. The details for handling the children have been worked out minutely and it should be done quickly and without confusion.

After the tree, the children will become the guests of the Victoria Automobile Association and will be motored to their homes. A very happy afternoon is assured every one of them.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

Arrangements for Tag Day to Be Held on December 21

The work of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., for the last month has been carried on at the headquarters, 733 Fort Street, where a member of the field comforts committee is present every day to supply work to the chapters in charge. Three cases of socks, shirts, mufflers, mittens and jerseys were dispatched to Moore barracks for the men at the front this week.

A new primary chapter was formed during the month, the "Willows Camp," with Mrs. Cecil Cookson, regent. The colors supplied by the Municipal Chapter to the 88th Fusiliers were handed over to the color party of the regiment at the opening of the new drill hall on November 30.

It has been decided to hold a "Rose Day" in June in aid of local charities. Upon the request of the committee in charge of the canvas for the Patriotic Fund the I. O. D. E. in Victoria consented to take charge of a tag day on Tuesday next, when the different chapters will each have a district with a headquarters tent at prominent corners. Band concerts and a military parade will take place during the day. The rooms at 733 Fort Street will be open all day and light refreshments will be served guards and helpers.

On Saturday afternoons the rooms present a busy appearance, for the corps of the Girl Guides meet for work and good results are expected. The headquarters will be closed during the holiday season, from Wednesday, December 22, to January 3, and there will be no regular meeting of the Municipal Chapter until January 6.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS

Last Issue of Canada Gazette Contains Number of Announcements of Interest in West

The Canada Gazette of a late date contains the announcements of a number of military promotions of interest in the West.

50th Regiment (British Columbia Horse)—Provisional Lieutenant N. H. Heber-Percy is permitted to retire.

31st Regiment (British Columbia Horse)—Major H. T. Wilson is granted the temporary rang of lieutenant-colonel whilst performing the duties of officer commanding the regiment.

5th (British Columbia) Regiment, C. G.A.—George Griffiths Aitken, to be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary).

72nd Regiment (Seaforth Highlanders of Canada)—To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary), William D. Butler, Ian Vernon Coote, Herbert G. Wright, John B. Rose, Hector McL. Elliott, Ghent Davis, Roy T. Stewart, James O. Beattie, Donald G. M. Fraser, Sidney L. Johnson, Charles M. Inglis, Alfred W. A. Ulph, Finlay T. McGibbon, Harold Brooks and Donald M. Meekison. The following, having qualified themselves for their appointments, are confirmed in their rank: Lieutenants Supernumerary A. K. Robertson, W. L. Grundy, T. St. E. de Wolf, I. A. Mackenzie, E. M. Dunn, A. C. Lumsden, E. J. H. Cardinall, R. A. Simmons, H. Rendell, G. J. Thomson, E. C. Sheppard and J. Ross.

104th Regiment (Westminster Fusiliers of Canada)—Charles R. Guilty, to be a provisional lieutenant (supernumerary). Lieutenants Supernumerary R. S. Ross, L. M. Richardson, C. E. Bailey and J. Forbes are confirmed in their rank, having qualified.

Independent Company of Infantry, Nanaimo—Aubrey Thomas Sanders, to be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary).

Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., who was a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada for some time, has been granted the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Canadian militia.

NUMBER PLATES READY

Motorists May Now Secure Identification Marks for Coming Year From Provincial Police

The new 1916 number plates for vehicles have been received at the Provincial Police Department and motorists are notified that renewals of licences must be made before the end of the year, and that the new plates are ready for issue. The attention of licencees is also directed to the fact that the new plates, though they may be issued before the end of the year, must not be affixed to motor cars until then, and the 1915 numbers must be used until December 31. The new plates will be distinctive in appearance. The color for 1916 will be yellow with the licence number set forth prominently in black. At the left hand side of the licence number will be the coat of arms of the Province and beneath the legend "B. C., 1916."

Applications for renewals should be made to the office in the basement of the Law Chambers, Langley Street. The new 1916 badges for chauffeurs are also ready for distribution. At present there are 7,565 motor vehicles registered with the Provincial police.

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CARD OF THANKS.

The widow and family of the late Mr. John Geldard tender their sincerest thanks to the brethren of Victoria Columbia No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and Far West Lodge No. 1, K. of P., for their practical sympathy, and to the many friends for their kind letters and messages of condolence and beautiful floral offerings.

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Clark's Christmas Plum Puddings, each ..... **25¢**
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Nippon Cocoa Sets, only a limited number; today, a set **$1.25**
Meats of all kinds in glass.
New Spanish Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. packets ..... **25¢**
Hand Rolled Chocolates, a pound ..... **25¢**
Christmas Bon Bons, a box $2.50 to ..... **10¢**
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Non-Alcoholic Wines — Ginger, raspberry, blackcurrant; a bottle ..... **35¢**
Libbey's Pineapple, large cans, each .. ... **25¢**
New Mixed Nuts, a pound ... **25¢**
Christmas Stockings, each $2.00 to ..... **5¢**
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The Ivy Leaf Social Club held its weekly whist drive on Thursday night, in the K. of P. Hall, when the following were presented by Mrs. Davis with the prizes: 1st lady, Miss Hanley; 2nd, Mrs. McIntosh; 3rd, Mrs. Rice; 1st gentleman, Mr. V. Dunn; 2nd, Mr. E. Pollard; 3d, Mr. Maddon. A special prize, donated by Mr. A. O. Pentt, was won by Cpl. J. Innis.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 quarts for 25c.

Glasses for Relatives

Bound for Lobitos, Peru, via San Francisco, the oil tanker El Lobo passed out early yesterday morning from Vancouver. She is carrying a shipment of lumber south, and will bring oil on the return voyage.

War can only be successfully waged with vigor, decision and unswerving will. There must be no half measures; no hesitation.—Napoleon.

ADVANCE VICTORIA'S CLAIMS TO 143RD

Public Organizations and Merchants Generally Take Active Measures to Have the Bantams Trained on Island.

If the present activity of different local public organizations may be accepted as an indication Victoria is not going to allow the 143rd Battalion, British Columbia Bantams, to be quartered elsewhere than here without a struggle. The Rotary Club, the Board of Trade, and the merchants generally are interesting themselves in the matter. Representations of the strongest character are to be made to the authorities through the proper channels to the effect that inasmuch as Victoria was responsible for the suggestion that such an overseas unit should be formed, that it was promoted through advertisements paid for by local people, that the O. C. is a resident of this city, and that the accommodation can be secured, its headquarters should be on the Island.

In the agitation started in Vancouver with the object of having the force trained there considerable force has been laid on the statement that there is a building ready for their occupancy. The Victorians interested do not think that this argument will stand in the face of their indisputable claims, especially as they are confident that quarters the equal of what the Mainland has to offer, if not better, can be obtained here. There was an informal meeting of businessmen yesterday morning, at which this question was discussed, and it is understood that as a result of that debate and of investigations now in progress, it will not be many days before this city will place before the Department of Militia and Defence a proposal for the housing of

PTE. J. D. EDDIE

Member of the 16th Battalion, who is reported killed in action. He came from the Bulkeley Valley over a year ago and joined the 50th Highlanders, being later drafted into the 48th Battalion. When in Victoria he lived with his uncle, Mr. W. Eddie, of 1601 Bank Street.

the Bantams that will be at least as worthy of recognition, in itself, as that which comes from the Terminal City.

A resolution has been passed by the Victory Rotary Club, in this connection, which has been forwarded to Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., with the request that it be transmitted to Ottawa, and that he also use his influence to the end indicated. It follows:

"That this board is strongly of opinion that the Bantam Battalion, C. E. F., the formation of which originated with some of the citizens of Victoria, should be mobilized and quartered here, inasmuch as much money has been spent locally on advertising the battalion; great public interest is felt in it, and general disappointment will be felt if the authorities decide to station it elsewhere; and, moreover, suitable quarters for its accommodation are available in Victoria."

Mayor Stewart has telegraphed Major General Sam Hughes as follows:

"As the idea of forming a battalion to be known as the B. C. Bantams first originated in Victoria, and all preliminary work has been carried out by Victorians, citizens of Victoria feel very strongly that battalion should be organized, recruited and trained in this city. I would respectfully request that favorable consideration be given to the wishes of Victoria citizens in this matter. Ample accommodation in the city for proper training of soldiers. Thanking you in anticipation of your usual prompt attention to this our request."

88TH BATTALION PARADES 800 STRONG

March Through City Streets One of Best Seen in Recent Months—Active Recruiting Campaign

The parade of the 88th Battalion, C. E. F., nearly 800 strong, through the city last evening furnished a striking example of the rapidity with which its ranks are filling. Without doubt it was the finest turn-out of that force since Lieut.-Col. Cullin returned from Ottawa with authorization to recruit an overseas battalion. With the brass and fife and drum bands in attendance, there was plenty of music and, as the officers and men passed along Government and other down town streets, they were watched by an unusually large crowd of interested civilians.

This march is in the nature of the introduction of a more active recruiting campaign. The unit has reached the 800 mark and the few remaining hundred will be obtained as quickly as possible. Last week's daily returns follow: Monday, 13; Tuesday, 5; Wednesday, 3; Thursday, 14; Friday, 18; Saturday, 25. It will be seen by these figures that the number taken on improved, and it is confidently believed that this will be continued throughout the next few weeks which will bring the battalion to full strength early in the new year.

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PTE. ROBERT NICHOLS

Member of the 15th Battalion, who has been killed in action. He was very well known throughout Victoria, being a native son, born about thirty-seven years ago and educated at the Central School. He was employed for many years by the Worswick Paving Company and was a member of the Eagles. He joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders shortly after war broke out, and left here for overseas service last February under Col. John Hall. He is survived by a brother, Mr. J. O. Nichols, residing on Bushby Street, and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Dacey, of Seattle, and Mrs. Fagerlie, of Dewatto, Washington. Pte. Nichols was held in very high esteem by all those who were privileged to know him.

He has died on the field of honor.

WILL GIVE SOLDIERS CHANGE OF SCENERY

Companies of 88th Battalion to Take Turns in Training at Duncan—Will March to and From Centre.

One of the features of the training of the 88th Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria Fusiliers, will be route marches under actual service conditions. Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, the O. C., yesterday explained an arrangement which would be carried out with a view to giving the officers and men a regular change of scene and a good healthy outing. For this purpose quarters now being put in proper shape at Duncan are to be utilized. As soon as the Agricultural Hall of that community is ready, which will be early in the New Year, the necessary steps will be taken to put the programme into effect.

No. 1 Company will be the first to visit the business centre of the Cowichan Valley. It will make the trip to and from that town on foot, in fact in all the journeys the Fusiliers will make to Duncan the train will not be utilized. The soldiers, when en route from Victoria, will march first to Goldstream, bivouac there overnight; start out the next morning and continue as far as Cobble Hill, which will be another stopping place. From Cobble Hill to Duncan will be covered in a single day.

While the point has not been definitely settled, it is probable that the first company will spend a week or ten days at the up-island training centre. Then the second company will start out. The two will pass each other en route. So the procedure will be carried out, it is expected, over the full period of the corps' presence in this city. The accommodation at Duncan is the very best that could be secured anywhere. The surroundings for manoeuvres are ideal. Col. Cullin points out that the change not only will give the men a valuable form of physical drill through the three-day march afforded, but it will give them a variation from the routine, which should serve to prevent their becoming stale and serve to keep up their spirits and their interest until the word is received to leave for England.

At a meeting held yesterday final arrangements were made for the Christmas dinner. It was decided that the N. C. O.'s and men should sit down to turkey, plum pudding and all the usual trimmings at 1 p. m. on December 24. The regimental orchestra will provide music and several well-known local vocalists will render solos. Miss P. Pearce has consented to give a song, while Mrs. Baird is expected to contribute. The date of the affair has been set forward a day in order that all may be present, many having arranged to spend Christmas out of camp.

SOLDIERS CUT WOOD

Over 100 Cords of Fuel Gathered From Beach by Western Scots for Families of Men at Front

The cutting of beach wood into stove lengths is an occupation which kept detachments of the 67th Battalion, C. E. F., Western Scots, busy almost every day last week. They took huge drift logs and demolished them in quick style. Smaller pieces were dealt with similarly and as a result there were gathered over 100 cords of first class fuel. Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, the O. C., has arranged with the various local dealers in fuel to have it all transported to the yard at the rear of the City Hall, the companies having been kind enough to offer their vehicles whenever disengaged for the work. The addresses of the wives and families of soldiers now at the front have been obtained and to as many of these homes as possible letters will be sent notifying them that there is a cord of wood awaiting them and that it will be delivered on presentation of the notice. Col. Ross believes that this should prove a very acceptable Christmas remembrance, and he is of the opinion that it is a very practical form of patriotic aid. Incidentally, he points out, it has provided a means for improving the physique of his men.

103RD HOLDS PARADE

"Timber Wolves" March Through Streets of City 400 Strong

For the first time since the Independent Squadron of British Columbia Horse ceased to exist and the majority of its officers, N. C. O.'s and men were transferred to the 103rd Overseas Battalion, the unit was seen on parade yesterday afternoon. Commanded by Lieut.-Col. Henniker, about 400 officers and men marched down from the new Drill Hall, near the corner of Douglas and Bay Streets, along Yates to Government Street and thence through the principal city thoroughfares. Although there were some of the most recent recruits without uniforms, the entire corps made a good appearance. The bugle band was in the lead and furnishing stirring music.

In spite of the fact that last week really marked the commencement of the holiday season and that, therefore, the majority were occupied with other things, the "Timber Wolves" took on a good force of volunteers. Their total up to noon yesterday was 155. If this continues it will not be many weeks before Col. Hennikar has a complete battalion.

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The Oak Bay Hotel was given over yesterday afternoon to a delightful and successful tea under the auspices of the French Red Cross Society. The dining-hall was given an added attractiveness with festoons of flags and wreathes of holly. The guests were served with refreshments in the course of a very pleasing programme.

During the opening remarks made by Dr. H. E. Young, M. P. P., he referred to the significance of a gathering such as he was addressing. It was the evidence of the will of citizens everywhere to do all possible to bring about a successful conclusion to the war.

The suddenness of so great a struggle had found both France and Britain in a measure unprepared. But both recognized that national honor was at stake. More than that, their very national existence was at stake. Both Governments were constructed along constitutional lines. Civil liberties had been won at great cost, and when confronted with the declaration that these liberties would be swept away by a dominating autocracy, these countries had rallied in a determined defence. What had been fought for and won on the battlefield would now be defended on the battlefield. The contest would be to the bitter end.

Dr. Young touched on the splendid patriotic feeling shown in the West, where he characterized the response as having been wonderful. The spontaneous spirit which had promoted the organization before which he was speaking would triumph for right in the end.

Among the entertainment numbers given in the course of the afternoon were the following:

Recitation, "Les Trois Couleurs" .... Mlle. Pauly
Duet, selected, violin and flute ..... Mlle. Shrapnel, M. Pichon
Solo, selected, "Ca fait peur aux oiseaux" ..... Mlle. Holden
Dance, "Polka des Bebes" ..... Mlle. Yvonne Marc, Master Pierre Pichon
La Marseillaise ..... M. Lombard
Solo, selected ..... Mme. Galea
Recitation, "La laitiere et le pot au lait" ..... Mlle. Pichon
Solo, selected ..... Mme. Rosher
Recitation, "L'Avenir" ..... Master Pierre Pichon
Violin solo ..... Mlle. Shrapnel
Solo ..... Mme. Rosher
Recitation, "Peu de chose" ..... Mlle. Athalie Gibson
Solo ..... Mme. Nancarrow
Piano solo ..... Mlle. Pauly
Solo ..... Mlle. Burrell
Song and accompaniment .... Mrs. Baird

The committee having charge of the tea consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Robillard, Mr. and Mrs. Pichon, Mr. and Mrs. Pauly, Mrs. Holden and Miss Leroy. Special appreciation was expressed for the very capable way the serving of refreshments was handled by Mrs. Burke, the housekeeper of the hotel, and for the donation of the use of the premises by Mr. Virtue.

The drawing for the leopard skin which was being raffled in aid of the fund showed 439 to be the winning ticket. It was held by Baby Margaret Nancarrow. Ticket No. 49, held by Miss Berton, drew the Christmas cake.

NEED FOR RELIEF IS IMPERATIVE

Resources of Canadian Belgian Committee Insufficient to Enable It to Do Its Part

A recent report from Mr. Herbert Hoover, the president of the Commission for Relief of Belgium, contains the following painful statement:

"The growing and gloomy problem is one of unemployment, for month by month, a larger proportion of the industrial mass of over 3,500,000 people falls further and further into destitution."

Mr. Hoover is engineering the feeding of seven millions of people in Belgium, who would otherwise die of starvation. The task is a gigantic one, but it is one which must be done by a neutral. He has abandoned all personal affairs and without compensation, devoted his entire time to the work.

As the public is aware, whatever their origin may be, the goods destined for relief in Belgium are transmitted to their destination by the commission, which supervises the distribution under special guarantees from the belligerent powers.

In certain quarters the impression prevails that the Commission for Relief in Belgium had assumed the heavy burden of feeding the Belgian population from funds collected exclusively in the United States, and that as a consequence, the generous co-operation of the other countries was not required. Such is unfortunately not the case as shown by the repeated appeals of the Commission among other friendly countries, especially to the British Empire.

In a recent direct appeal made to the population of Canada the Central Executive Committee at Montreal reviews the situation as follows:

"Our work started at a time when Canada was suffering from economic uneasiness, felt, we may say by everybody. Nevertheless the Canadian nation, moved by the profound misery in which the most sublime of sacrifices had plunged its Belgian Allies, found in its noble generosity the means of assisting the latter in proportions which the Belgians will ever remember with the greatest sense of gratitude. Owing to the liberality of the gifts of which we were the recipient, we were fortunate enough last Winter to forward for distribution in Belgium five full cargoes of relief goods besides different separate consignments.

"Since that time our shipments remained stationary, our financial resources not having enabled us to carry out our anxious wish to fill a sixth steamer. The gifts received during last Summer are insufficient; we need about three times as much money as is available at present to buy a cargo of wheat, for it is chiefly bread that is wanted in unfortunate Belgium. We are sorry to state that in the meantime, far from diminishing, needs in Belgium have kept increasing.

"To the pillage, burning and massacres of the beginning, the collective fines, seizure of merchandise, and the thousand exactions from the occupying power, have been added the suspension of internal communication and the stopping of external traffic.

"No country is more essentially industrial than Belgium; the industrial mass represents half of its population, while its agricultural class scarcely amounts to one million and a quarter of individuals. Under normal circumstances, seven tenths of its industrial production are exported. That is to say that foreign markets are absolutely indispensable to the economic existence of that country. Since she has been placed under the Teutonic yoke these markets have been closed for Belgium, which has practically been placed in a state of siege.

"The Belgian nation is bearing this lot with a patience and resignation such as can only be given by unshaking confidence in the ultimate triumph of Justice and Right.

"The occupation which is choking the country renders impossible its economic resuscitation, and until it is evacuated by the enemy the number of the needy ones will keep on increasing. Seven million Belgians dared remain in Belgium. The majority of them have fallen in poverty as a consequence of the industrial paralysis and require to be assisted by the benevolence of the outside world. We are on the threshold of a new Winter, which will be hard and painful to the suffering Belgian population."

Contributions may be made through the Belgium Relief Committee of Victoria, or through Mr. W. S. Terry, Belgian consul in this city.

BOLTON CASTLE COMING

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The British steamer Bolton Castle, which sailed from Singapore, Strait Settlements, on December 11, will, after taking on cargo at ports in China and Japan, cross the Pacific to British Columbia for the purpose of taking on bunker coal at Nanaimo before continuing her voyage to New York. As it is unlikely that the Panama Canal will be reopened by the time the Bolton Castle reaches here, it is expected she will take the South American route.

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OCEAN VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Musician, from Liverpool..........Dec. 19
Empress of Japan, from Hong Kong..Dec. 21
Chicago Maru, from Hong Kong....Dec. 26
Saikai Maru, from Yokohama........Dec. 27
Aki Maru, from Hong Kong..........Dec. 30
Titan, from Hong Kong..............Jan. 1
Monteagle, from Hong Kong.........Jan. 4
Polyphemus, from Liverpool.........Jan. 6
Canada Maru, from Hong Kong....Jan. 9
Niagara, from Sydney................Jan. 13
Crown of Seville, from Glasgow.....Jan. 12
Crown of Toledo, from Glasgow....Feb. 20

Steamers to Sail

Hawaii Maru, for Hongkong........Dec. 21
Makura, for Sydney..................Dec. 22
Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong..Jan. 1
Monteagle, for Hong Kong..........Jan. 11

Steamers Sailed

Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong.......Nov. 2
Ixion, for Hongkong.................Nov. 12
Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong.....Nov. 12
Tacoma Maru, for Hongkong........Nov. 19
Calchas, for Liverpool..............Nov. 18
Niagara, for Sydney..................Nov. 24
Manila Maru, for Hong Kong......Nov. 26
Mexico Maru, for Seattle............Nov. 27
Sado Maru, for Hong Kong..........Dec. 4
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December, 1915

Date	Time. h. m.	Ht. ft.	Time. h. m.	Ht. ft.	Time. h. m.	Ht. ft.	Time. h. m.	Ht. ft.
1	3:10	4.9	10:10	8.4	17:33	4.3	23:22	6.0
2	3:34	5.7	10:27	8.7	18:09	3.3		
3			10:48	9.1	18:46	2.5		
4			11:15	9.6	19:30	1.4		
5					11:46	10.0	20:12	0.3
6					12:19	10.2	20:56	—0.3
7					12:52	10.3	21:40	—0.5
8					13:26	10.0	22:26	—0.3
9	5:28	8.7	10:13	8.6	13:55	9.5	23:13	0.3
10	5:37	8.7	11:35	8.3	14:20	8.7		
11	0:01	1.1	5:44	8.6	13:06	7.8	14:39	7.8
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15	2:59	5.8	9:36	9.0	18:15	4.0		
16			9:59	9.1	18:44	3.2		
17			10:23	9.3	19:16	2.6		
18			10:46	9.4	19:46	2.0		
19			11:07	9.5	20:15	1.6		
20			11:22	9.5	20:46	1.3		
21			11:29	9.5	21:18	1.2		
22			11:41	9.4	21:52	1.2		
23			12:10	9.3	22:30	1.6		
24	9:28	8.7	10:44	8.7	12:46	8.9	23:11	1.9
25	9:26	8.5	11:32	8.6	13:30	8.5	23:58	2.4
26	8:43	8.3						
27	0:34	3.1	8:22	8.4				
28	1:11	4.0	9:20	8.4				
29	2:41	4.9	9:44	8.7	15:57	5.2	21:38	5.9
30	1:15	5.7	9:40	9.0	16:48	4.1		
31			9:20	9.8	17:38	2.9		

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower water.

TO BURN OIL FUEL

Three Pacific Coast Steamers Are to Be Immediately Converted

Three steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the Spokane, Senator and City of Seattle, are to be immediately converted into oil burners. Bids are to be called at once for the installation of liquid-fuel apparatus. The work is expected to cost approximately $100,000.

SCHEME FOR CHAIN OF COAST STATIONS

Government Sent Expert to Coast Two Years Ago to Investigate Need of Life-Saving Facilities.

"The Dominion Government is fully alive to the necessity of establishing and maintaining additional life-saving stations along the British Columbia coast, and an agitation is not necessary to impress the fact," said a Government official yesterday in making reference to the need of improvements in life-saving facilities on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

"Realizing the importance of establishing modern facilities for the prevention as far as possible of marin catastrophes and the saving of human life, the Dominion Government, in the Summer of 1913, sent to this Coast Commander Thompson, superintendent of the Government life-saving service, to make a thorough investigation of the needs of the Coast as regards the best type of life-saving equipment particularly with regard to the storm-bound coast of Vancouver Island.

"Commander Thompson was favorably impressed with the need of additional stations and the maintenance of more up-to-date life-saving equipment, and reported accordingly.

Life-Saving Tug Recommended

"He further reported on the advisability of maintaining a life-saving steamer of a similar type to the American craft Snohomish at a cost of approximately $190,000. Acting upon the report of Commander Thompson, the Government made tentative plans for the establishment of a chain of life-saving stations from Barkley Sound, where the Banfield power lifeboat is stationed, to Quatsino Sound, while the Queen Charlotte Islands were not to be overlooked in the general scheme for a modern chain of life-saving stations.

War Hindered Plans

"Before the scheme could materialize, the war broke out, and with Canada doing her utmost to help the Empire, it was necessary to shelve temporarily the ambitious scheme. This is not a new question. The Government has had it under consideration for some time. The matter has not been lost sight of. It is realized that it is a question of the utmost importance. Large appropriations cannot be made at this stage for other than war purposes, but the Government has not abandoned the plans framed two years ago, and as soon as it is possible to make the necessary appropriations the scheme will be proceeded with.

"The original plan of the Government was to have the scheme cover a period of years which, when completed, will give British Columbia a life-saving service second to none. As part of the plan the fine power lifeboat was established at Ucluelet about two years ago, while Clayoquot, Nootka and other important points on the West Coast were named for similar modern power lifecraft."

AKI MARU SPENDS CHRISTMAS AT SEA

N. Y. K. Liner Left Yokohama on Wednesday With 125 Passengers and Big Cargo—Musician in Today.

With 125 passengers facing the prospect of spending Christmas at sea, the Japanese liner Aki Maru, Captain Noma, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, sailed from Yokohama on Wednesday last for Victoria, according to cable advices received yesterday by W. R. Dale, local agent of the Great Northern Co.

The Winter schedule of the Aki Maru calls for a passage of sixteen days, and she is expected to put in an appearance here on December 30. The cable states that the liner has five passengers for Victoria and 120 all told for Seattle.

The Oriental cargo to be discharged here by the Aki Maru will amount to 570 tons, of which 222 tons is destined for the Mainland, and will be transhipped by coastal steamer. For Puget Sound the Japanese liner has approximately 5,000 tons of freight.

The N.Y.K. liner Yokohama Maru, which sailed from Victoria on November 12, arrived at Hong Kong on Tuesday last via Yokohama. The same day the liner Tamba Maru cleared from the China station for Victoria by way of Japanese ports.

Musician in Today

In the service of the Harrison Direct Line the British steamer Musician, Captain Dunn, is expected to reach port this afternoon from Glasgow and Liverpool. The steamer sailed from Glasgow on September 4 last, but was held up by the slides in Gaillard Cut, and later diverted to this Coast by way of the Straits of Magellan. Her last port was San Francisco, from where she sailed at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

It is expected that the Musician will start working cargo first thing on Monday morning. She has 1,000 tons for Victoria, which includes about 500 tons of water-pipe for the Saanich municipality.

ARNA PUTS TO SEA

Maple Leaf Freighter Leaves Golden Gate for Avonmouth via Magellan Route

The Maple Leaf Line freighter Arna, Captain Jentoft, carrying British Columbia cargo for the United Kingdom, is reported to have sailed from San Francisco on Thursday for Swansea and Avonmouth via the Straits of Magellan. Owing to the closing of the Panama Canal by slides this line has temporarily suspended its service from New York to Victoria and Vancouver.

Calls From Tacoma

The barge Acapulco, in tow of the tug Tatoosh, arrived off here from Tacoma about 5 p.m. yesterday, and after picking up a pilot proceeded to Nanaimo, where she will take on a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Rain; S. E., light; 30.13; 37; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E., light; 30.06; 41; light swell.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.59; 40; sea moderate.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.98; 38; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.92; 37; sea smooth.

Triangle—Overcast; S., light; 30.05; 41; sea moderate.

Deadtree Point—No report.

Ikeda Bay—Overcast; N. W., light; 29.53; 25; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.67; 35; sea moderate.

LARGEST STEAMSHIP BUILT THIS YEAR

Aotearoa, Designed for British Columbia Trade, Only Big Liner Turned Out on Clyde in 1915.

Only one large passenger liner has been or is likely to be turned out on the Clyde this year. That is the twin-screw geared-turbine steamship Aotearoa, which was built to the order of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand at the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, the great Clyde firm which has turned out some of the largest and palatial liners afloat.

The Aotearoa was designed with a view to being operated in the Canadian-Australasian service between Sydney, N. S. W., and Victoria, being a vessel of 15,000 tons. This vessel was to have been an improved type of the splendid liners Niagara and Makura. The Aotearoa was to have been completed and delivered to her owners in time to make her maiden voyage from Sydney to this port last May. When the war broke out, however, all British shipbuilding yards were taken over for the completion and fitting out of war craft, and construction of mercantile vessels was brought practically to a standstill.

Now the Avenger

Subsequently the British Government decided to take over the Aotearoa for use as an auxiliary cruiser, and she has since been fitted out and is now plying on the high seas, and is known as the Avenger.

When taken over by the Admiralty the liner was by no means completed as far as her passenger accommodation was concerned, and when she is released, it will take several months to fit her out for the passenger trade. When the Aotearoa is eventually placed in this trade it is expected the liner Makura will be withdrawn.

Two other large liners delayed in construction on the Clyde owing to the war are the C. P. R. steamships Melita and Minnedosa, which Messrs. Harland & Wolff have sub-contracted at Whiteinch. These vessels are of a similar type to the Missanable and Metagama.

MINNESOTA INQUIRY IS FINISHED

No Evidence Is Found Other Than Natural Causes for Hill Liner's Misfortunes

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Examination of the officers and crew of the Great Northern liner Minnesota has been completed by Thomas Guthrie and Joseph P. Dolan, United States inspectors of hulls and boilers, inquiring into the causes of the disablement of the vessel off the coast of Lowen California, on December 1. One boiler has been inspected, and the inspection of the others will be completed on Sunday. The result of the inspection was not made public, but it was learned that no evidence was adduced to show that the failure of the Minnesota's sixteen boilers was due to other causes than mechanical defects and natural causes.

John W. Preston, United States district attorney, who opened the Federal investigation on Tuesday, reported that there was no occasion for a continuance of the inquiry by him.

On Sunday, the inspection reports of Government inspectors at Seattle, whence the Minnesota sailed on November 14, for London, with 16,000 tons of foodstuffs, will be brought here by John K. Bugler, United States supervising inspector of steam vessels. After an examination of these and the reports of Guthrie and Dolan, a decision will be reached.

BOOKINGS ARE BRISK

Bulk of Accommodation Has Been Sold for Great Northern's Next Two Voyages to Honolulu

Local Great Northern agents have been advised that all accommodations with bath have been sold out for the next two voyages of the steamship Great Northern between San Francisco and Honolulu. On her second voyage to Hawaii this Winter, the Great Northern left San Pedro on Friday, with a capacity list of passengers for Honolulu. The vessel is proving very popular on this route.

The steamship Northern Pacific is maintaining the regular sailings of the line between San Francisco and Flavel.

To Coal at Nanaimo

The Harrison Line freighter Musician is to be bunkered at Nanaimo by the Western Fuel Company. She is expected at the coal port on Christmas Eve.

Simla Coming North

nI tow of the tug Hercules, the Union Oil Company's barge Simla sailed from San Francisco on Friday for Vancouver laden with a cargo of oil.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

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The Observatory,
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TO OPEN VETERANS' CLUB IMMEDIATELY

Rooms on Langley Street Secured by Newly-Formed Organization for Use of Returned Soldiers.

The Veterans' Club of British Columbia, which is to be modelled after the British clubs of the same character, was inaugurated on Wednesday last at the headquarters of the Legion of Frontiersmen in the city of Victoria, many of the wounded soldiers who have returned from the front joining.

To see these gallant fellows, many of whom were still suffering from the effects of being gassed, as well as severe wounds, was sufficient for it to be realized how absolutely necessary it is for them to find a haven of repose which they can call their home, where they can meet their comrades and in which they will be their own masters.

The stories which many of them told of the unfortunate circumstances of a mismanagement, which has left them stranded and without money on their return to Canada after fighting the Empire's battles, has convinced the promoters of the club, which is to be affiliated with the Veterans' Club already doing so much good in England, that the institution has not been founded a day too soon, and further that it is one fully as worthy of support as the Red Cross Society. By the aid of the Red Cross it may be said many of those who attended that first meeting have had their wounds assuaged, but something more is required for their benefit during and after their convalescence than the Red Cross can give, and this something more, with the help of those for whom they have been fighting gallantly in the field, it is hoped that the club will be able to supply.

While it is proposed in time to erect a building for the Veterans' Club, which will serve as a public memorial of British Columbia to those of her brave men who have laid down their lives in defence of the Empire, it will commence its sphere of usefulness on modest lines.

Club Quarters

The Legion of Frontiersmen headquarters in Langley Street, Victoria, opposite the Court House and known as the Camosun Building, contains four spacious rooms, which will for the present be placed at the disposal of club members, who may be men either serving or who have served in the Royal navy or any branch of His Majesty's forces. Here it is intended to provide them with good meals at as little expense as possible, all those joining the organization being invited to become honorary members for one month, without entrance fee or payment of any description. Later, an entrance fee of $5 and a monthly subscription of $1 is proposed for members, and, as these small sums will be inadequate to pay working expenses, public aid is invited. The rooms in the Camosun building are at present unfurnished, except for some few useful articles presented by those connected with the executive. Other articles, however, already been very kindly promised by patriotic citizens having at heart the welfare of the wounded already here and those others who will so soon arrive in large numbers from the scene of the great world war.

There is an intention when the Veterns' Club of British Columbia is established on a basis equal to its needs to have as many bedrooms on the premises as possible, of which members will be allowed to make use for a certain time.

In the Veterans' Club in London, an institutions to which many thousands belong, of whom several thousands have rejoined the colors since the outbreak of the war, bedrooms have, of course, been found a necessity from the first, these having been provided to a large extent by the generosity of those who have strenuously backed up Major Arthur Haggard ever since his formation of that establishment some six years ago. Among these are the Duke of Bedford, K. G., Maj.-Gen. Sir Elliott Wood, K. C. B., Lieut.-Gen. the Earl of Dundonald, K. C. B., Major Elmhirst Rhodes, D. S. O., a brother of the late Cecil Rhodes, who has been most generous in his aid; Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, G. C. B., and Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund Fremonth, G. C. B. All of these and others with equally well known names are vice-patrons or honorary presidents of the institution to which our Veterans' Club of British Columbia will be affiliatel. Much as they have done, however, and generously as they have given, the war has shown the need for a larger building and many more bedrooms, to which demands those of the British public who have lost relations during the war have been asked to subscribe $500 apiece as a support for one memorial bedroom. A list of those having already subscribed $500 apiece in this manner for a bedroom to be named after the relative who had met a hero's death was some time since communicated to The Colonist, and it was very large. Members of the Britisch Columbia Veterans' Club will be able to make use of the London establishment if in England, while British members will be welcomed here

Four Beds to Start

In the rooms which the Legion of Frontiersmen have offered for the temporary use of the Veterans' Club, it is considered that it will be possible to instal only four beds, partitions being erected in one large apartment to make four separate bedrooms For these one Victorian lady has already offered one bedstead and mattress to the executive, which consists at present of Lieut.-Col. Andrew Haggard, D. S. O., late of the King's Own Scottish Borders, and now a Frontiersman, and Major Seymour Rowlinson, commandant of the Victoria command of the Legion of Frontiersmen. All money donations in support of the club can be made payable to "the executive, Veterans' Club," and paid into the Bank of British North America, Victoria. At this institution the manager has kindly offered to accept all such contributions and also to place subscription lists on the bank counters for small donations to be given by clients wo do not wish the trouble of making out a cheque.

It is requested that anyone wishing to donate any kind of furniture will kindly communicate with the executive at Camosun Building. If they will also ring up telephone No. 63 articles for the club will be fetched free of expense to the donor.

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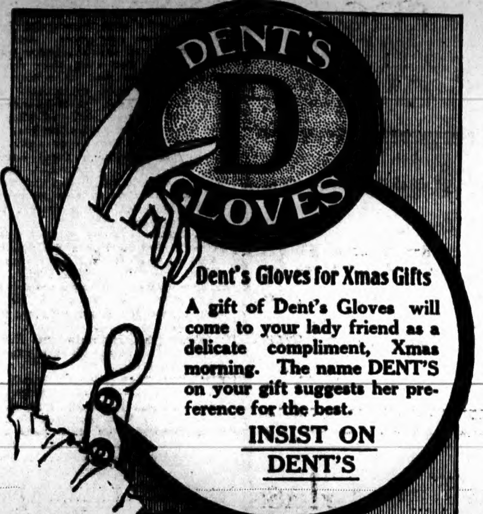

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Meeting.—A general meeting will be held at headquarters on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p.m. sharp. All men who have returned from the front are earnestly requested to attend this meeting. Progress made by the executive of the Veterans' Club of British Columbia will be fully discussed.

Parades.—A mounted parade will be held at the riding school, Willows Camp, on Thursday, December 23, 1915, at 8 p.m. sharp, all frontiersmen to report at McCleaves stables at 7:45 p.m. Any gentlemen wishing to take part in this parade are invited to do so. Parade in charge of Sergt.-Major Halsted.

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H. E. MUNDAY

The "K" Boot Store, Government Street

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It was with just a little feeling of regret that we part company with our old stand, where for many years we had the pleasure of catering to the needs of our numerous patrons. But the requirements of an ever-increasing business made the change imperative, and thus we find ourselves installed in premises that are at once bright, roomy and comfortably furnished, and where you will meet with the same courteous attention and solicitude as in the old store. We shall be glad to have you come and inspect our new premises.

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Quartermaster and Paymaster's Department of 67th

—Photo by Pocock

Captain J. B. Bright, quartermaster of the 67th Battalion, has the reputation of having thoroughly systematized the important duties of his department. The names of those appearing in the above group follow: Back row, left to right—Pte. R. Patrick, Pte. E. R. Wilson, Pte. J. Jones. Second row—Sgt. Leslie, Pte. Bartlett, Sgt. T. A. Bayley, Cpl. A. H. Alexander. Front row—Armorer Sgt. G. N. Hughes, R.Q.M.S. Macnicol, Capt. J. B. Bright, Quartermaster; Pay Sgt. L. E. Best, Pioneer Sgt. J. Smith.

BRANCH BENEFITS BY CONTRIBUTIONS

Much Work Has Been Done Recently by Oak Bay Sub-Committee of Red Cross Society

At the last meeting of the Oak Bay sub-committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the treasurer reported that the following donations had been received: Life membership, Mrs. Gibson, $25; donation from proceeds of concert at Hampshire Road Methodist Church, $10; proceeds of tea and raffle, by Mrs. Doe, $157.85; proceeds of raffle of kitten, by Mrs. Nivin, $13; donations, $5; total, $210.85.

The treasurer was instructed to forward a cheque to the Victoria office for $600.

Mrs. Lampman, in charge of the work-rooms, reported that the motors loaned by the Canadian General Electric Company had been of great assistance in lightening the work of the ladies.

The following amount of work has been done since the last report was published, on August 17: 262 day shirts, 197 helpless shirts, 113 pyjamas, 107 pairs of socks, 80 pairs of cloth slippers, 336 chest bandages, 108 knee bandages, 43 elbow bandages, 670 triangulars, 109 retractors, 480 binders, 523 scultetees, 63 eye bandages, 26 pairs of wristlets, 71 wash cloths, 31 personal bags, 9 convalescent suits, 10 dressing gowns, 6 scarves, 1,896 roller bandages, 588 gauze bandages, 564 6-inch bandages.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, it was decided that the rooms should be closed from December 17 to January 3.

ESQUIMALT BRANCH REPORTS PROGRESS

Donations Both in Cash and Supplies Have Been Numerous During Recent Few Weeks

The following statement is issued by the Esquimalt sub-committee of the Victoria and District branch of the Red Cross:

Donations in cash—Mrs. Finmore, $4; Mrs. Peters, $2; Mrs. Jones, $2; Mr. Nunn, life membership, $25; Lampson Street School, $5.16; Red Cross box, $5.76; Mrs. H. Slater, life membership, $25; Mrs. Myers, $5; Red Cross tea at the Misses Fraser, $10; Miss M. Monteith, $2; Miss C. Monteith, $2; from raffle of Miss Pooley's dog, $40; from raffle of Mrs. Storey's shawl, $18.60; Lampson Street School, $8.52; net receipts, Rex Theatre concerts, $129.30; total, $284.33.

Expenses—Charwoman, $2; janitor, $5; table, $3; total, $10.

Total net receipts, $274.33.

Rex Theatre entertainments—Concert, $36.90; sailors' concert, $60.75; concert, $24.75; concert, 28.15; cencert, $32.85; total, $182.30.

Expenses for concerts—Rent for theatre for 5 nights, $45; sign, $1; programmes, $2.50; janitor, $2.50; expenses for sailor's concert, $2; total, $53.

The Esquimalt Red Cross report for the month ending December 5, is as follows:

Donations in supplies: 2 pairs of socks, 2 scarves, Mrs. Austin; 1 pair of socks, Miss Simpson, 2 face cloths, buttons and scissors, Mr. Bolton; socks and bedroom slippers, Mrs. Symcock; Red Cross Sign, Master Dudley Hardy; flowers, and loan of palms for Rex Theatre, Brown Bros.; 3 dunage bags, Mrs. Philip Johnston; quilt to be raffled, Mrs. Williams, Admirals Road; 3 face cloths, Miss Bessie Wilkinson; scarf and old linen, Mrs. Wilkinson; pincushion, Mrs. Finmore, 5 face cloths, Mrs. Ralph Nunn; 1 pair of bedroom slippers, 8 bedside bags, Mrs. Grey; 1 face cloth, Miss Phillis Barton; 1 pair of socks, Mrs. Gibson; 2 pairs of scissors, Mrs. W. W. Wilson; stage curtains, from Lampson Street School.

To be raffled—Tray-cloth (hand-painted), Mrs. Knolton; doll, from Mrs. Fowler (The Beehive); 5 turkeys, Mrs. Locke; Christmas cake, Mrs. Collis; 15 per cent of fifty prizes donated by Mr. Angus.

The list of work done by this branch was recently published, in which the work done by Mrs. Hardie's class, Mrs. Knowlton's class, and the Lampson Street School class was included.

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Silver Spring Rose, 2 quarts for 25c.

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For the person who wishes to make an exceptionally handsome present—one which will stand alone among all other possible gifts and prove a source of continual and inexhaustible pleasure to the recipient—there is nothing to compare with a

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If You Need Furnishings Buy Now and Save on Every Item

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Special, 18 Size Only, $2.50 Values $1.50
Silk and Taffeta Shirts ..... HALF PRICE

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These are all new for Christmas and are done up in fancy boxes at sale prices

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75c and $1.00 Ties. Sale ..... 50¢
$1.00 Ties. Sale ..... 75¢
$1.25 Ties. Sale ..... 90¢

DRESSING GOWNS AND BATH ROBES

These Are All New for Christmas

$15.00 Values. Sale $11.50
$20.00 Values. Sale $15.00
Odd Vests to Suits. Sale ..... 95¢
Fancy Vests ..... HALF PRICE

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$2.00 Dent's Chamois. Sale $1.50
$1.25 Dent's Chamois. Sale $1.00
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50c Silk Hose. Sale ..... 35¢
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Best Silk Hose. Sale ..... 75¢

SCARVES

These Have Only Just Arrived

Wool, 75c. Sale ..... 50¢
Silk Knitted, $2.50. Sale $1.75
Silk and Wool, $3.50. Sale $2.50
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WESTERN SCOTS WIN FROM SEAFORTHS

After a Scoreless First Half, Seven Goals Are Registered in Latter Period, Five to Two Being the Tally.

The Western Scots soccer team took the measure of the visiting team of the 72nd Battalion to the tune of 5 goals to 2 yesterday at the Willows, all seven of the goals being scored in the last half of the match.

The first part of the game was not very interesting, the play being somewhat ragged, though the teams appeared to be well matched, and there was no manifest advantage on either side. Each goal was in danger several times, but the shooting was none too accurate. Allen missed what looked like a certainty and shortly afterwards the 72nd got two corner kicks in quick succession but the defence was tight and nothing resulted.

Niven was playing a very useful game for the Western Scots and was feeding Plump on his wing with regularity and precision, but the latter seemed unable to do himself justice in this half, which ended without any score for either side.

The excitement came well on in the second half. The Western Scots played an improved game in this half and were always on the ball and more often in the enemy's country than not. Nichol put in a couple of good shots, which were well saved by the Vancouver soldiers' goalkeeper, and McDiarmaid sent in a useful looking one which went over the bar. The 72nd's goal was subjected to a regular bombardment for a while, but still there was no score until the Western Scots were awarded a penalty kick for what looked like a purely accidental case of "hands" far out from the centre line, and Ord, who took the kick, made no mistake about landing the points.

The spectators were shouting for a "real" goal, and it was not long before one came from the boot of Allen, who sent in a beautiful shot from a good thirty yards out. Rushing the ball down the field from the kick-off, the Vancouver forwards brought it close up to the local battalion's goal, and a fumble by Holmes after stopping a shot enabled them to rush the ball in for their first points. A good dribble down the field by Nichol was followed by another strong rally from the Mainlanders, who looked mighty dangerous until Okell relieved the situation, taking the ball alone right down the field. Allen was seen to advantage in a good dribble, and the ball being passed to Nichol and by him to Plump, the latter scored, bring the total tally to 3 to 1.

The 72nd replied with a fine rush down the field from the kick-off and shot in another, bringing the score to 3 to 2.

Once the scoring started, it mounted rapidly and it was not long before Nichol made it 4 to 2 from a pass by Plump, who was playing a much improved game this half. Allen was responsible for the last goal of the match, bringing the score to 5 to 2 with an excellent individual effort, where it remained until Walter Lorimer, who refereed, blew the final whistle.

During the interval the Western Scots brass band played stirring strains and the tug-of-war was pulled off near the field of play.

The line-up was as follows:

Western Scots—Holmes; Ord and Christian; Niven, McDiarmaid and Okell; Plump, Nichol, Dakers, Allen and Patterson.

72nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders—Dunn; Hogg and Hyland, Holt, Dickie and Robertson; Finlayson, Runcie, Pollock, Hodgkinson and Jackson.

72nd Won Tug-of-War

The tug-of-war between the two battalions proved to be more or less a farce. The Seaforths were able to bring over six men only of their team, and consequently the Western Scots' ten-man team, thinking the match off, dispersed. Colonel Ross, however, ordered a team of six to be picked from those of his battalion who were present on the ground and these six lost the single pull against the Seaforths.

WESTS BEAT GARRISON BY TWO GOALS TO ONE

Soldiers Led at End of First Half, but in Second Period Wests Have Upper Hand

The soccer match between the Victoria Wests and the Garrison was won by the former by two goals to one, after the Garrison had led by one to nothing at the end of the first half.

The soldiers had a good team out, and they gave the Wests a very good fun for their money. In fact, the first half they had very much the better of matters and, but for the excellent work of Robertson in goal, they would undoubtedly have achieved a victory by a substantial margin. Grimes and Kelly, of their back division, were especially strong. The Wests were a man short in the first half, and after half time Jack Youson took the field playing inside right.

A penalty was awarded the Wests soon after the start of the second half, but the kick by Philmore was not successful. This player, however, rapidly redeemed his failure by shooting a great goal with a long shot, the winning points being added a little later on by Petticrew. Robertson had little to do in the second half. Considering the slippery state of the ground, it was a good game and the play was interesting throughout.

The Wests had the following men out: Robertson; Shakespeare and Whyte; S. Sherratt, Petticrew and Church; McLeod, J. Youson, Philmore, Muir and Sherratt.

RUGBY AT OAK BAY

Mr. Hill found a difficulty after all in fielding a full Rugby fifteen to meet the Western Scots at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon. Only nine of his team put in an appearance and, in order to make a game, the Western Scots lent their opponents a couple of men and a couple of volunteers being forthcoming, the game was started by Referee Spalding with thirteen a side.

The result was hardly a high class exhibition of Rugby, several of the players not being very conversant with the rules. The Scots ran up a score of 14 points to nil before the final whistle sounded.

Phoenix Beer, 2 quarts for 35c.

JUNIOR SOCCER

James Bays and Congos the Winners in Two Games Played Yesterday

The games played in the Junior Standard Soccer League, yesterday, resulted in victories for the James Bays and the Congos. The former won from the Esquimalt High School, by 2 goals to 1, after the High School had been leading at half-time by 1 to 0.

F. Malcahey scored for Esquimalt in the first half. In the second half, Chungranes scored twice for James Bay, and Shandley once. Chungranes, at outside right, starred for the Bays, while Cumis, in goal, played an excellent game for Esquimalt. W. Erickson refereed.

The game between the Y. M. C. A. and the Congos, won by the latter by a 3 to 1 score, was refereed by W. Telfer. Unfortunately for the Y. M. C. A., boys, two of their team, Baker and Daft, were on parade with the 103rd, and they had, therefore, only nine men. The goals for the Congos were obtained by Wood (2) and J. Dowds (1). Arthur Ducie scored for the Y. M. C. A.

HAGEN KNOCKED OUT IN TWELVE SECONDS

TACOMA, Dec. 18.—In one of the shortest bouts on record, Billy Weeks, Canadian middleweight champion, tonight knocked out Romeo Hagen, of Seattle, in the first round after 12 seconds of sparring. The bout was before the Wilkson Athletic Club. A month ago Weeks and Hagan boxed four rounds to a draw, and it is stated that this is the first time in more than 300 ring battles that Hagen has been given a clean knockout. A left hook under the heart floored him, and it was fully half an hour before he regained consciousness.

Meeking Makes Jump

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Gordon Meeking, the well-known hockey player, amateur until this season, has jumped from Torontos, of the National Hockey Association, to the Ottawa Club. Meeking accepted terms with Ottawa last evening, after telegraphic negotiations. Twelve hundred dollars, it is understood, is the salary for which he contracted. Meeking had not signed with Torontos, and, presumably, had not agreed to play with that club. But following his intimation, recently, that he was about to join the professionals, he turned out for practice with that club, and it was generally believed he would line up with the local team against the Canadiens tonight. His agreement to play with Ottawas came yesterday, it is understood, following a disagreement he had with the owner of the Toronto franchise, Eddie Livingstone.

Y. M. C. A. Juniors

Over 100 boys are expected from neighboring Y. M. C. A.'s on a visit to the boys of the local institution. They will arrive on December 27 and stay in town three days. The programme for their entertainment includes two banquets and two international athletic and aquatic meets, as well as sundry hikes and trips into the surrounding country. There will be a meeting of the boys' council tommorrow evening at 7 o'clock when a definite programme will be arranged.

Junior Road Race

Four teams from the junior standard soccer league have entered for a road race to be run from the Y. M. C. A. at the Willows to the city Y. M. C. A. on New Year's Day.

JOHNNY O'LEARY JOINS THE COLORS

Lightweight Champion Enlists at Saskatoon—Madden, His Manager and Famous Jockey, Does Likewise.

SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 18.—Johnny E. O'Leary, lightweight champion of Canada, enlisted for active service with the 68th Overseas Battalion here this afternoon. A. W. Madden, his manager, also enlisted.

O'Leary, who is an Irishman by birth, has made his home in Seattle for many years. Last night he successfully defended his title against Billie McKenzie here.

Madden was for some years a famous jockey, and has piloted many winners against Tod Sloan, Danny Maher and others. He is a son of the vice-president of the Wabash Railway.

Both have been given the rank of Sergeant. O'Leary will meet Kid Scaler in Edmonton on New Year's Day.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS DRAW WITH JACKSONS

Score Was Two All at End of Encounter on Canteen Ground—Will Enter for Peden Cup

On the Navy Canteen Grounds, Esquimalt, a keenly contested game between the R.N.C.V.R. football team and Sir John Jackson's cup winning team, ended in a drawn game with a score of 2 goals all. The ground was very heavy and the play of the Naval Volunteers during the first half was a little loose at times, and though the score at half time only stood at 1-0 in favor of the cup winners, it looked as if their superior combination would win them the game. This seemed the more evident when the Jacksons added another goal to their score shortly after the commencement of the second half. From then on, however, the Navy team got down to work, and, though at times the passing was wild, sheer hard work enabled the Volunteers to stave off defeat. Both goalkeepers were kept busy, Cronin, for the Navy, making some excellent saves, whilst Bridgwater at back, played a fine game for the same team.

The Naval Volunteers are expected to enter a team for the Peden Cup, and judging by their play today they should be locked upon as a force to be reckoned with if they will pay more attention to team work.

Athletic Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of the V. I. A. A. A. members, at 8 p.m., tomorrow, in the club rooms, at Victoria West, when all members are asked to be present. The club is out with an open challenge to any of the regiments, or clubs in town, for basketball and indoor baseball matches.

The Emperor spoke of the plague of lawyers, an infliction which he considered as bad as leprosy.—Napoleon.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 quarts for 25c.

88TH BATTALION BAND

Concert Tonight at Columbia Theatre Should Be Largely Attended

BANDMASTER RUMSBY
Of the 88th Battalion brass band

A packed house at the Columbia Theatre is expected tonight, when the band of the 88th Battalion, under the direction of Bandmaster Rumsby, will give a concert of popular music, assisted by Miss Didier, who will render two vocal selections during the programme. From all indications, the concert should prove to be one of the most attractive yet given by the popular band, the programme being replete with numbers that have received special recognition from the music-loving public. Musicians Hargreaves and Easton, who will give an instrumental duet during the evening, have proved their talent at previous performances and should act as an attraction.

The programme, which will be commenced at 8:45, is as follows:

March—"Soldier's Life" .....Martin
Overture—"Fra Diavolo" .....Auber
Song—"Come Sing to Me"...Thompson
Miss Didier
Patrol—"The Crack Regiment" Tobans
Duet, flute and clarionet—"Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark" .....Bishop
Musicians Hargreaves and Easton
Song—"Giammima," from "The Firefly" .....Friml
Miss Didier
Selection—"Maritana" ..... Wallace
March—Selected .....Zellers

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Entertainment at Masonic Hall Benefits Esquimalt Organization Considerably —Interesting Programme

The Masonic Hall, Esquimalt, was the scene last evening of one of the most successful concerts ever held for the benefit of the Esquimalt Friendly Help Association, whose funds were considerably increased by the event.

The hall was artistically decorated with flags and bunting by Messrs. Lewis and Paterson, of the R.N.C.V.R., and presented a gay appearance. The programme given during the evening, which was arranged by Mrs. R. R. Pooley, was received by the large audience with enthusiastic appreciation. Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., acted as chairman.

The following programme was given during the evening:

Song, "Somewhere in France," Mrs. Roy Troup.

Song in Costume, "Tommy Atkins," Miss Mamie Fraser, and chorus, Mrs. Whelan, Dorothy Kirk, Francis Briggs, Ethel Curran, Beraice Carlin and Grace Trombley.

Song, Lieutenant Craddock.

Indian song and dance in costume, solo, Mrs. Charles Wilson; chorus, Misses Dumbleton, Miss Rose McKenna, Miss Francis Briggs; Messrs. Vincent, McKenna, Styles and Sehl.

Song, in cosume, "Naughty Marietta," Mrs. Douglas McConnan.

Solo, Mr. E. J. Sehl.

Quartette, "Quaker Girl," Miss Fraser, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Gillan and Mr. Sehl.

Solo, Sergt. Llewellyn.

Japanese solo and chorus, Miss Fraser; chorus, Misses Whelan, Bernice Carlin, Dorothy Kirk, Francis Briggs, Grace Trombley and Ethel Curran.

Song, "The End of a Perfect Day," Miss Lugrin.

Song, Cpl. Morgan.

Pianoforte solo, Miss Collis.

Vocal solo, Mrs. R. H. Pooley.

Finale, Mrs. Gillan, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. Gillan and Mr. Sehl.

At the conclusion of the concert many of the patrons indulged in dancing.

Victoria West Parents—Parents of Victoria West will attend a meeting at the Victoria West school at 8 p. m. tomorrow to discuss improved playground facilities. As the matter is one of the highest importance to the children, it is hoped there will be a full attendance of parents.

The English in 1813 had 700,000 men under arms in a population of 17 millions; they had in line as many men as the French empire with 43 million inhabitants. If France in 1813 had had the same proportion of her population in arms as England she would have had an army of 1,849,000 men.—Napoleon.

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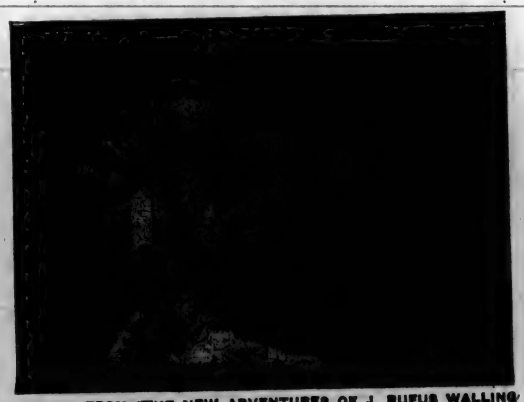

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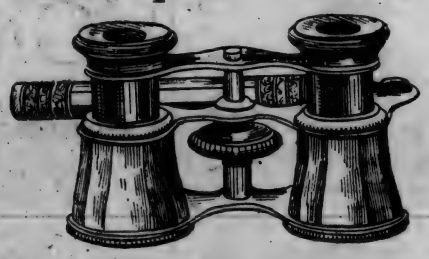

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GOLD SIGNET RINGS up from	$3.00
SILVER MATCH BOXES up from	$2.00
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Gold Bib Pins	75¢
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These are just our regular stock of Coats which has earned such a reputation for high quality at small prices. These small prices have in most cases been cut to less than half, making one of the greatest Coat bargains possible.

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Make your selections from the largest stock of high-grade Shoes in the city. Our Slipper Prices are exceptionally low.

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Sweater Coats, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50 to **$5.00**
Caps and Hats, 50c, 75c, $1.00 to **$2.00**
Raincoats, $3.50 to **$10.00**
Gloves, 85c and **$1.00**
Gauntlet Gloves, sizes 5½ to 7. Reg. values 85c and $1, **50c**
Gauntlets, 85c, $1.00 and **$1.25**
Ties, 25c, 50c, and **75c**
Tweed Suits, $4.00 to **$14.00**
Comfortable Overcoats, $6.00 to **$12.00**
Pyjamas, $1.25 to **$3.00**
Bath Robes **$4.00**
Dressing Gowns, $3.50 to **$8.50**

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Collar Bags (leather) ..... $1.00 to $3.50
House Coats and Dressing Gowns ..... $5.00 to $28.00
Military Brushes ..... $3.00 to $5.00
Gents' Umbrellas ..... $1.00 to $10.00
Traveling Rugs ..... $6.50 to $25.00
Hats in the newest shades and styles ..... $2.50 to $5.00
Socks and Ties to match, boxed $1.50
New Arrivals in Arrow and Jaeger Shirts ..... $1.50 to $5.00
Ladies' and Gents' Gloves, Dent's ..... $1.00 to $2.50
GET AN F. A. GOWEN GLOVE SCRIP
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Ladies' and Gents' Mercerized Silk Mufflers, in plain and fancy colors, $1.00 to **$2.50**
Ladies' and Gents' Silk Mufflers, in two-tone effects **$2.50**
Ladies' and Gents' Pure Silk Mufflers, in white, rose, cream, gold, sage and purple, $4.50 to **$6.00**
Ladies' and Gents' White Cashmere Mufflers, 50c to **$1.00**
Ladies' and Gents' Jaeger Wool Mufflers, in a large assortment of colors, $1.00 to **$2.50**

MEN'S SWEATERS

Men's Pure Wool Sweaters, in grey, brown, tan, navy, khaki and black. Each **$4.00**
Men's Jaeger Pure Wool Sweaters, in white, grey, brown, navy, dark green, Lovat, black and khaki, $5.50 to **$7.00**
Men's Pure Wool Sweaters, with shawl collar. White, grey, brown, slate, red, navy and khaki; $5.00 to **$7.50**
Men's Full-Over Sweaters, with roll collars, in white, grey, brown and navy; $3.00 to **$6.00**
Jaeger Throat and Chest Protector, combined; in white, grey, navy and Lovat **75c**

LADIES' SWEATERS

Ladies' Silk Sweaters, with girdle, in white, cream, wedgwood, lavender, pink and rose **$10.00**
Ladies' Silk Sweaters, with girdle and sailor collar, in white, black, saxe, gold, canary, pink, rose, revere and purple, for **$12.00**
Ladies' All-Wool Cashmere Sweaters, in sky blue, saxe, purple, emerald, rose, light navy, tango and canary **$6.00**
Ladies' All-Wool Cashmere Vests **$4.50**

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Wool Lined Kid Gloves—In mocha, from **$1.25**
Dogskin, from **$1.50**
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Dogskin Gloves, from **$1.00**
Mocha Kid Gloves, from **$1.50**
Gauntlets, lined and unlined, from **$1.75**
Gauntlets, fur lined, per pair **$15.00**
Woolen Gloves, from **25c**
Ladies' Gloves—Dogskin, from **$1.25**
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Our pianos sing their own praises; they have sung themselves into the hearts and homes of so many people in this City and Province, that Fletcher Bros.' pianos have become a household word.

WE KNOW they are the best that money and skill can produce; our confidence in them has induced us to furnish for their fitting display a new store, which we are entitled to call

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The Store for Men can offer you nothing handsomer, more attractive, more substantial, more certain of lasting appreciation, than a Fit-Reform Suit or Overcoat.

These fine hand-tailored garments—with their carefully chosen styles and exclusive patterns—offer you an exceptional choice of gifts.

Our prices also are exceptional and a substantial saving is found in the Suits, Raincoats and Overcoats now offered at **$14.85, $18.85, $21.85** and **$24.85.**

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That Will Prove Tempting at the Prices Quoted

Special Blue Serge Suit **$17.50**
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Those who are considering what they can best give their friends for Christmas will find that our Grand Removal Sale presents an excellent chance to secure articles of superb quality and utility at abnormally low cost.

This Sale includes the large new stock of Christmas Goods which we had bought specially for the opening of our new store, an event which has had to be postponed until after Christmas. The whole of our magnificent stock is subject to a reduction of

Quarter to Half Off Everything

See Our Big Ad on Page 6

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915 Government Street
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Attractive Values in New Coats

At Scurrah's Tomorrow

For tomorrow we have pleasure in announcing an exceptional clearance of Smart Coats in up-to-date styles. Extreme care was exercised in the selection of these Coats, and the modes, materials and workmanship are excellent.

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See Our Regular Ad. on Page 5

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What does it cost?
"But 5c a pound loaf."
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Special prices on Tailor-Made Garments for the balance of this year. Watch the windows. Choice stock of Suitings to choose from.

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You wouldn't intentionally. But you might be one and not even know it.

Supposing that you were to die before another Christmas came around, would your kiddies' stockings be as well filled next year? Or might they not lack even some of the necessities of life?

Among other gifts this Christmas why not present your wife with an Imperial Home Protection policy.

That would be a most practical gift; based on generosity and kindness; banishing worry, anxiety and care; making Christmas all the happier and the New Year all the more hopeful for yourself and loved ones, in the knowledge that, come what may, the future is provided for.

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Stanley Henderson, Manager for B. C., Vancouver

ACTION WORTHY OF SAVAGE CHIEF

Failure to Secure Release of Dr. Beland Is Due to Kaiser Himself—Would Exchange Him for Spy.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Strenuous efforts to release Hon. Henri S. Beland, M. P., and former Postmaster-General, from the imprisonment in which he is held by the Germans, have culminated in a direct refusal from the Kaiser himself to grant the distinguished Canadian Parliamentarian his liberty, according to documents which have been transmitted to Arthur Ecrement, ex-M. P. for Berthier, by the Prime Minister. The contents of the communications, which are now in the possession of Mr. Ecrement, are voluminous and cover full details of the efforts made to secure the release of Dr. Beland.

The first step to obtain Dr. Beland's release were launched by Mr. Ecrement through the Canadian Government, which communicated with the British authorities. The good offices of the Vatican were sought as an intermediary for approaching the German authorities, and the text of all the communications between the four capitals, Ottawa, London, Rome and Berlin, is given in full.

The correspondence indicates that the German refusal to free Dr. Beland is for the reason that he is held as hostage for the exchange of former Capt. Franz von Rintelen, the German spy convicted in England and now under sentence of death in the Tower of London. This means that if the British authorities carry out their sentence of death on Lieut. von Rintelen, the Germans may execute Dr. Beland.

Dr. Beland was taken prisoner at Antwerp. He had left Canada to marry a wealthy Belgian lady, who, immediately on the outbreak of hostilities, placed her home at the disposal of the authorities for a hospital. Here Dr. Beland went to work in his capacity as surgeon, attending Belgians and Frenchmen, and Germans as well.

The efforts to effect Dr. Beland's release commenced in December, 1914, a couple of months after he was taken prisoner. The first letter in the series is one from Sir Robert Borden to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, dated December 9, 1914, requesting that the Governer-General use his best efforts with the British Government to secure Dr. Beland's release and his return to Canada. The Premier particularly mentions the fact that Dr. Beland's presence in Belgium had nothing to do with the war, and that his marriage, for which he went over, took place before hostilities began.

The next letter is from Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, Colonial Secretary, to the Duke of Connaught, transmitting copies of correspondences exchanged between the Vatican and the British Minister to the Vatican. It was through the Nuncio at Munich that information reached the Vatican that the German government would release Dr. Beland only on condition that ex-Captain Rintelen, then held a prisoner in London, should be released. The date of the letter which contains this information, and which was sent to His Eminence Cardinal Begin at Quebec, who became an intermediary in the case, is November 6 last, indicating that efforts to free Dr. Beland were not relaxed up to a month ago.

Madame Beland has now been separated from her husband for over a year and is reported to be dangerously ill in Belgium.

New Glasgow Merchant Killed

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., Dec. 18.—Ambrose Smith, merchant and restaurant keeper, was almost instantly killed on the Stellarton Road yesterday, when his motor car skidded off the road and turned over. His chauffeur, William McNeil, was thrown clear and escaped injury.

Will Arm Serbians

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—The Allies are prepared to re-arm and fully equip the survivors of King Peter's heroic forces. There is Turkish and German activity in Constantinople, preparing a fresh and powerful expedition for the invasion of Egypt. The Germans boast that this is to be the next point of attack against the Allies.

Clear Field for Allies

SALONICA, Dec. 18.—In the event of the Allied troops being followed by their enemies across the border into Greece, the Greek forces will retire in order to leave the field clear for the belligerents, a representative of the Greek war office notified General Sarrail, the French commander.

Sending Rubber by Mail

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Following the seizure of mail bags on the steamship Helligolav from New York, the Foreign Office states that out of 300 bags of parcel mail on the vessel for Sweden, 109 contained nothing except rubber, all of which were consigned to a forwarding agent in Sweden.

Lokal Anzeiger Suspended

LONDON, Dec. 18.—An Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, which has hitherto beep regarded as a semi-official organ, has published, instead of the regular morning edition, a single sheet announcing that the publication of the newspaper has been prohibited."

Suffocated by Gas

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—Two baby girls, twins of 18 months, were found dead, and their mother, Mrs. Louise Pieters, almost dead from inhaling illuminating gas, in a rooming house here tonight. The discovery was made by the woman's husband. The Pieters are Belgian refugees. The gas was escaping from an open jet, but the police are unable to explain how it came to be open.

Attaches Leave Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Lansing announced this afternoon that Captain von Papen, recalled military attache of the German Embassy, will sail for Europe on December 23, and Captain Boy-Ed, recalled naval attache, on December 28.

Money for Patriotic Purposes

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 18.—The municipal council yesterday voted $40,000 for patriotic purposes.

BANK ROBBER KILLED

One of Four Men Who Took Bag of Silver Coin From Duvall Bank, Near Seattle, Meets Death

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Four men, firing shots in all directions, appeared at 6:30 tonight at the Duvall State Bank, at Duvall, King County, thirty miles east of Seattle, and, entering the bank, which had just opened for its Saturday night's business, seized a sack containing $450 in silver. The men fled up the Snoqualmie River afoot, carrying the heavy bag of silver. In a few minutes, the alarm spread through the town, and a posse of armed men set out in pursuit of the robbers.

About a mile above the town, the posse came upon one of the robbers, who was taking silver dollars from the sack and placing them in his pockets. The robber fired at the posse, whose leader threw a spotlight on the robber, directing the aim of the other members of the posse, and the robber was riddled with bullets. He fell or jumped over the bank of the river into the swift mountain stream, and if not killed by the bullet wounds, he must have been drowned. The body has not yet been recovered. The posse recovered the money bag, which had $348 left in it, and then pressed on in pursuit of the other three robbers. It is believed that they have been surrounded in the woods bordering the stream.

Three robbers entered the bank, the fourth remaining on guard outside. C. Readon Hall, the cashier, and his wife, were the only persons in the bank when the men entered. The cashier was forced to open the safe, the thieves shooting about his feet to make him hurry. When the safe was opened, the robbers seized the bag of silver dollars, and rushed away, overlooking $3,000 in gold which the safe contained.

Members of the posse are positive that the robber with the sack of coin was shot before he pitched headlong into the river. Search for his body and for the other robbers cannot be made until daylight tomorrow.

VILLA LEAVES FIELD

Announces to War Council That He Will Take No Further Part in Revolution—May Go to States

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 18.—General Francisco Villa has withdrawn from the Mexican revolution, according to authentic advices received today from Chihuahua City, where a council of war has been in session. The retirement of General Villa, it is said, was effected through the persuasion of members of the council, among whom were Villa's staff and advisers.

Villa's wife also, it was said, urged her husband to retire and enter the United States. The advices say that Villa announced his intention of proceeding to the border, and, if permitted to come to the United States. Officers in Juares have been advised to "take care of themselves."

Villa, addressing the council, is said to have realised that the time had come for his retirement.

"I have been surrounded by traitors," he said, "and my men will no longer fight. I sent 1,500 men to Santa Rosalia, and they joined Carranza without a struggle. I do not want to sacrifice you. I will go to the north, and cross to the U. S. if I am permitted, and will live with my family. If I am not permitted to do so, I will go to Europe."

GERMANY CONCERNED

Imperial Chancellor Sends for American Ambassador Gerard and Holds Long Conversation With Him

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor, today sent for James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador, and the two held an extended conference concerning German-American relations. No statement regarding the subjects discussed was obtainable, but the Ancona incident, offering a threatened reflex effect on German-American relations, which, it has been learned here, is a matter of concern to the higher German authorities, may possibly have furnished the occasion for the conference.

It was learned only today that the text of the Ancona note published, on which the Austro-Hungarian newspapers based their comments, is incomplete, the phrase regarding the stopping of the ship having been omitted in transmission and never reached Berlin. This error in transmission not only accounts largely for the tone of the German press comments, but bears out Baron Burian's contention regarding the impropriety of basing a diplomatic policy on news publications.

THREE TIMES GASSED

Lance-Corporal Thomas Kelly, Victim of German Savagery, Dying in Montreal Hospital

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Lce.-Cpl. Thomas Kelly, of the 5th Battalion, who was thrice gassed by the Germans, is dying in the general hospital. Although since his return from the front he has said little of the part he took in the fighting, he is known to have conducted himself heroically in action and to have shown fortitude in sticking it out as long as he did.

Thomas Kelly, known to his intimates as "Box Car Kelly," enlisted at Port Arthur with the 5th Battalion, at the outbreak of war. A native of Ireland, he left home as a boy and went to sea. Although he would never go into details about his experiences, he is known to have sailed nearly all of the seven seas in various kinds of craft. In spite of the deepseaman's natural aversion to fresh water navigation, Kelly drifted some nine years ago to the upper lakes, where every season has found him sailing on one big lake freighter or another, mostly out of Port Arthur, which place he made his home.

At Ypres, where he first was affected by the gas, the officers of his company, No. 4 Company, were killed or wounded, and it fell to the lot of Lce.-Cpl. Kelly to rally the men amidst the fumes. This was in April. Once more, at Festubert, in June, Kelly was one of those to suffer from gas. He was laid up for a few days, but returned again to the trenches, and in August was once more overcome. He was taken to a base hospital, and came back to Canada in November, and was immediately placed in one of the military wards at the general hospital to recuperate before going home.

Canadian Aviators

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—A party of fourteen prospective aviators came to Ottawa yesterday en route for England to join the Royal Aviation School. Twelve went a week ago. In all forty-eight, who had not completed their training when the Toronto school was closed, have left for England. About seventy are there now who had finished there course in Canada. The Canadian aviation contingent now totals 150 men.

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FLETCHER BROS. IN FINE NEW PREMISES

Pioneer Music Firm of Victoria Now Installed in Most Up-to-Date Quarters on Pacific Coast.

New quarters which, in point of arrangement for the objects sought, and in attractiveness, are not excelled in any city on the Pacific Coast, are now occupied by Messrs. Fletcher Bros., the city's pioneer musical house, in the new Arcade Building, corner of View and Government Streets. Since 1862, when the father of the present proprietors opened the business here, the firm has been a leader among similar concerns in British Columbia. The enterprise shown by the firm in extending its business at a time when financial conditions are unfavorable, is testimony to its confidence in the future progress of the city.

The new premises have been arranged and fitted with an eye solely to the convenience of its many patrons. The store, with an entrance on Government Street, and one on View Street, has been visited by scores of Victorians, whose good opinion of the firm and its business methods is of long standing. For years the name of Fletcher has been synonymous with quality. The firm is the sole agents for British Columbia of practically every one of the leading manufacturers of pianos, musical instruments, etc., and the stock carried cannot be excelled in point of quality and variety by any other city on the North American continent.

Has Ample Space

The new store has a frontage on Government Street of 40 feet, with a depth of 100 ft., and continues, in an L shape, to View Street, where a similar frontage is had. The interior finishings are of satin-finish mahogany, the work of local firms, and the richness of the furnishings, and their artistic design, Mr. Fletcher believes, speak volumes for the high quality of work done by Victoria firms. While there is ample space to adequately display the qualities of the firm's stock, special arrangements have been made for the convenience of customers who desire to test the tone and quality of the goods. Sound-proof apartments, with glass walls, which permit of ample lighting facilities, have been installed, wherein it is possible to test pianos, graphonolas, piano-players, etc., with an entire absence of distracting sounds. Yesterday, in three of these apartments, instruments were being played before prospective customers, and yet a person standing in the main portion of the store could barely hear the strains of the instruments. This feature will be fully appreciated by persons who know how impossible it is to fully test an instrument when sounds from the street, from other instruments being played, etc., are interfering.

On the Government Street side to the left of the entrance is the sheet music department, one in which the firm is justly proud, as it has the reputation of being the most complete of its kind in Western Canada. Practically everything in music can be found there under the direction of a competent musician, well versed in the requirements of the trade. The piano display rooms contain the products of such world-famous manufacturers as Gerhard-Heintzman Company, Collard & Collard, Nordheimer & Company, Mendelssohn & Weber, etc., and the display of player-pianos by the best of the makers is also a most complete one. The showing of phonographs is a most complete one. A special feature of this department is being made. For the next week a special representative of the Thomas A. Edison firm, manufacturers of the famous diamond-disc phonograph, will afternoon and evening give a demonstration of the machines and the public is cordially invited. The facilities for this demonstration are unique, in that the firm has installed a feature which few of the best musical stores in America can boast of. On a mezzanine floor a recital hall capable of comfortably seating seventy-five persons has been located, and there in comfort and under the very best acoustic conditions the merits of the firm's products may be tested.

Fully Equipped

In other lines full stocks are carried, such as stringed instruments, including the Washburn & Gibson mandolins, violins, guitars, banjos and accessories, and a feature is made of band instruments, the firm having equipped the bands of the local military units from its large stock.

Owing to the fact that Messrs. Fletcher Bros. also conduct businesses at Vancouver, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert, its stocks are exceptionally complete. For instance it carries a stock of over 50,000 Columbia records, covering over 5,000 separate selections and distribution of these goods is made from the wholesale department to dealers throughout the Province.

Ample office and repair departments are provided in the new premises and every facility having for its object the convenience and satisfaction of the firm's business has been provided.

Newly Organized Brass Band of 67th Battalion, Western Scots

—Photo by Pocock

Not more than a month has elapsed since the first steps were taken towards the organization of a brass band for the Western Scots. Its organization was entrusted to Bandmaster Finck, a musician of many years' experience. As a result of his efforts the band already has achieved a standard of efficiency which is surprising in view of the short time it has had to attain it. The names follow: Back row, left to right—McCauley, Brake, Tait, J. Higgins, B. Swiler, Plump, Williams, Mayboone, P. Hickling. Fourth row—Endicott, D. Harkness, R. C. Christian, J. Kirby, E. Lee, E. Rance, S. Pye, A. Hayward. Third row—D. R. Harkness, Fieldstadt, J. Hibbert, Searle, L. Palmer, B. French, F. D. Ives, Vence. Second row—H. Grant, J. P. Hayward, S. Gaiger, A. Ludgate, Band Sgt. Gaiger, Cpl. R. Humphrey, D. Galloway, E. Ferguson. Front row—Major Harbottle, Bandmaster Finck, Lieut. Baker, Lieut. Okell.

ESQUIMALT SCHOOL

Closing Exercises Marked by Presentation of Cadet Shield to Lieut. P. J. Mulcahy

The closing exercises of the Esquimalt School were concluded on Friday morning last, when the large assembly hall was filled with pupils, parents and residents of the district.

The trustees, Messrs. L. Tait (chairman), Geo. R. Robson, B. Manthrop, W. W. Wilson and Capt. A. Mulcahy (secretary), were all in attendance.

After the singing of "O Canada," the chairman, Mr. L. Tait, in a vigorous speech, summed up the many activities of the school during the past year, and, in calling the attention of the audience to the display of trophies won by the cadet corps, emphasized the importance of military training in times like the present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bullen, who have presented the cadet corps with a magnificent shield, were both present, and at the conclusion of a happy address, full of appeal to the nobler qualities of the boys, Mrs. Bullen handed the shield to the smartest, keenest and most efficient cadet of the current year, viz., Lieut. Patrick J. Mulcahy. On behalf of the cadets and of the instructors, Principal Stacey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bullen for their kindly interest in the corps, and pointed out how greatly the whole corps was encouraged in its work by public-spirited acts of this nature.

The pleasing task of presenting honor rolls, certificates and prizes to the forunate winners were then ably performed by Mrs. Mulcahy, the trustees, and the Rev. T. Hughes, who addressed the scholars, pointing out the advantages of a sound education, and concluded by wishing them all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

The singing of the Maple Leaf and of God Save the King constituted a very pleasant ceremony.

During the term just ended the pupils of Lampson Street School have contributed the sum of $105 to the funds of the Red Cross, and are sending a generous supply of groceries, clothing, etc., to the Esquimalt Friendly Help Society for distribution before Christmas.

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Tag Day Tuesday, December 21st

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LAST RALLY

OF THE

Campaign Committee of the VICTORIA Patriotic Aid Society

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE
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Tag Day Programme Next Tuesday

¶ Grand Military Parade and Inspection in the Afternoon of all the different Units in the City. The bands of the various Units will play throughout the day and evening. Four Bands: 11th C. M. R., 50th Gordon Highlanders, 67th Western Scots and the 88th Fusiliers.

Demonstrative Ambulance Lecture Every Half Hour From 10 to 4

¶ B Section of the 1st Field Ambulance from Work Point Barracks will give a lecture demonstrating "first aid" as given in the trenches.

New Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C., December 16, 1915.

From O. C. 102nd Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria, B. C.

To A. C. Burdick, Esq., chairman, campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria.

Dear Sir,—I understand that you propose to hold a tag day in Victoria on Tuesday next, the 21st inst. I sincerely trust that the result of your efforts on that day will be a considerable increase to your funds. I can assure you that your society has been a considerable help to recruiting in this district, as many men are enlisting, knowing that their dependents will be looked after by your society. Wishing you every success on Tuesday next, I am,

Yours very sincerely
E. C. J. L. RENNIKER, Lieut.-Col.
O. C. 102nd Battalion, C. E. F.

67th Battalion Western Scots of Canada, C. E. F., Regimental headquarters, Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C., December 18, 1915.

Mr. A. C. Burdick, chairman campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Burdick,—As one who has been in touch with the men on the firing line, I wish to say how much they appreciate the good work that has been done for their wives and dependents by the Patriotic Aid Society. The assurance that, should anything happen to them, those depending upon them will be looked after, gives them that confidence and courage which is so necessary to face the dangers and difficulties of trench warfare.

Any time that the Western Scots can be of any assistance to you in any way whatsoever, I can assure you that each and every one of us is willing to render any service possible. We feel that you are doing a splendid and practical work for the soldiers in caring for the dependents at home, to whom their thoughts so often turn when fighting in the far-off battle-line.

Sincerely yours
LORNE ROSS, Lieut.-Col.

Officers' Mess, 88th Fusiliers, C. E. F., Willows Camp, December 17, 1915.

A. C. Burdick, Esq., chairman campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

Dear Mr. Burdick,—I desire, on behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, to tender thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who have so devotedly given time and energy to forward the work of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

In these days, when so much is expected and so much more is taken for granted, it may be well that suitable recognition is either delayed to the end of the war or overlooked.

I shall be much obliged, therefore, if you personally would be kind enough to express to the various committees the entire appreciation of all ranks of the Victoria Fusiliers. The unfailing zeal of those responsible for the upkeep and control of your organization is an inspiration to all of us, and to the fact that such a fund is in existence must undoubtedly be ascribed much of the success of this Dominion in placing upwards of 200,000 soldiers in the field up to the present.

The number of married men in this regiment has been very small until quite recently, but as the supply of single men, able or willing to join the colors without compulsion, is getting steadily smaller, it follows that the proportionate number of married men will be much higher in the future.

This means more funds and more work for your committees, but which I personally feel that they are showing themselves quite able to handle in a very splendid way. Believe me,

Yours sincerely
H. J. ROUS-CULLIN, Lieut.-Col.
Commanding Victoria Fusiliers

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Esquimalt ..... Cor. Yates and Broad

¶ The 5th Regiment will provide sentries at each headquarters and sentries will be relieved every two hours. Guardroom will be the United Service Club, 742 Fort Street.

CLAIMS OF VICTORIA AS AVIATION BASE

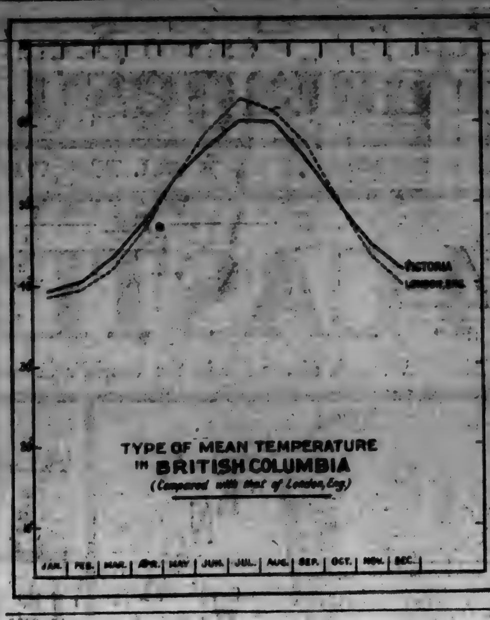
Memorial Sent to Minister of Militia Gives Conclusive Arguments Why School Should Be Here.

During the past few weeks, and particularly since the recent visit of Col. C. F. Burke, of the Royal Flying Corps, the Board of Trade has supported the agitation for the establishment of a Dominion school of aviation in Victoria. It is maintained by that organization that the conditions to be found in southern Vancouver Island are eminently suitable for such an institution. At the last meeting of the council of the Board of Trade the question was brought up for discussion and Mr. A. W. McCurdy and Mr. William Blakemore were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject and memorialize the Militia Department. In this memorial, which is appended, the claims of Victoria as an aviation centre have been concisely and conclusively set forth.

The memorial was dispatched to Ottawa last week, and by this time will have reached Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. The letter accompanying the report is as follows:

"Sir,—We have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of this board held in the City of Victoria on Tuesday, the 7th instant, the subject of the establishment of a school of aviation on Vancouver Island was discussed. The discussion arose out of the recent visit to the Coast of Col. Burke, a distinguished member of the Royal Flying Corps, and in view of the closing down of the Curtis Aviation School, Toronto, this board deemed it a fitting time to urge upon your consideration the necessity for the establishment of a school of aviation under the auspices of the Department of Militia in order that Canadian aviators may be trained in Canada. In this connection we draw your attention to the special advantages of Vancouver Island. In accordance with these views a sub-committee of the board was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to the department. The report of this committee we have pleasure in enclosing with the full endorsation of the board and with the request that you will give the matter your most favorable consideration.

"E. G. PRIOR,
President.
"F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary."



Following is the report prepared by Mr. A. W. McCurdy and Mr. William Blakemore:

Necessity for School

"Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions we have carefully considered the subject of the establishment of a school of aviation on Vancouver Island, and beg to report as follows:

"1. The necessity for a school of aviation as a branch of the military service of Canada has been demonstrated during the present war. The Imperial authorities have accepted upwards of two hundred men, some trained and some partially trained, from a private school of aviation, and the utility of this branch of the service has made it a certainty that it will become a permanent adjunct of military training in times of peace as well as of war.

"2. The experience gained by this tentative movement has demonstrated that the work of such a school can be conducted to greater advantage under the sole control of the Militia Department.

"3. The recent closing down of the Toronto school in consequence of weather conditions proves that Eastern Canada cannot provide a suitable location for all the year round training, and as a matter of fact and of record, the only section of the Dominion in which a suitable climate can be found is at the Pacific Coast.

"4. The climatic conditions which affect aviation involve temperature, precipitation, bright sunshine, fog and wind. In this connection we append a report prepared by the Dominion Meteorological Service, Victoria. This report speaks for itself, it is not necessary for us to recapitulate its findings, and we would only emphasize the fact that the conditions which it demonstrates to exist prove that the Pacific Coast is in every respect favorable to aviation all the year round, and compare favorably with those in England.

"5. In addition to climatic advantages, there are other features existent which have an important bearing on the subject. An aviator has to learn much more than mere flying and manoeuvring, and the fact that Victoria is the military headquarters of the Pacific Coast furnishes an opportunity to obtain instructions in military tactics, manoeuvres and machine gun fire, which would be of great use to aviators in reporting on movements in the field. In addition a thorough technical knowledge of military terms could be acquired which would be invaluable to the aerial scout.

Navy Headquarters

"6. In addition, Victoria is the headquarters of the North Pacific Naval Squadron. In the navy yard, which is well equipped with machine guns and modern mechanical appliances, a knowledge of wood and metal working could be acquired which would be of inestimable value in the case of necessary repairs to machines in the field. Here, too, could be acquired a knowledge of naval tactics and technical terms which would be of great service in enabling the men to make concise and clear reports of their observations.

"7. There are a number of sites available as training grounds, and in this connection too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the peculiar advantages of the Saanich Peninsula, upon which several available sites exist, and which lies alongside the great calm harbor of Saanich Arm, where hydroplane work could be carried on to great advantage, and where, owing to its protected character, landings could be safely made in any emergency.

"8. We would point out in conclusion that the preliminary work of the Victoria Aero Club, with which we have the honor to be associated, has demonstrated further that there would be no lack of applicants for training at the Pacific Coast, as we already have a list of more than forty, and the number could be multiplied several times if there were any immediate prospect of the establishment of a school.

"In concluding our report, we beg to express the hope that the Dominion Government may take immediate and vigorous action in the premises in order that the training of Canadian aviators in Canada shall not cease.

(Sgd.) "W. BLAKEMORE,
President Victoria Aero Club.
"ARTHUR W. McCURDY,
Vice-President Victoria Aero Club."

Climatic Advantages

The following statement, prepared by Mr. F. Napier Denison, of the Gonzales Heights Observatory, Pacific Coast Division of the Dominion Meteorological Service, which describes the climate of Victoria and vicinity and compares it with that of other places, accompanies the report:

The average temperature here during the winter months is remarkably high, being 42 degrees, while the average temperature of the coldest month (January), is 38 degrees F., and the average number of days that the mean temperature is below the freezing point is only eight. The daily, monthly and annual range of temperature is remarkably small.

Precipitation

The average annual fall is 27.6 inches, most of this occurs during the Winter months, and owing to the high temperatures usually prevailing at this season the average annual snowfall is small, amounting to a few inches.

Bright Sunshine

The average annual amount of bright sunshine is 1,800 hours, or nearly 5 hours per day, while during the brightest month (July), the average daily amount is over 9 hours.

Fog

The average yearly number of fogs reported here is 14, most of these are of short duration.

Wind

The average annual wind velocity is 8 miles per hour. The months of average highest wind velocities are January and June, the amount then being 9 miles, while the minimum velocity of 6 miles per hour occurs in September and October.

The average number of days per year the wind exceeds 30 miles an hour is 15, and most of these gales are of short duration and occur during the Winter months.

A large proportion of these wind velocities are of a local character and do not apply to districts even a short distance from Victoria, particularly is this so in the adjacent Saanich Peninsular, where the wind velocities are less, while the Winter temperatures there are about the same, also the precipitation.

Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms seldom occur here; in fact the average number of times per year that thunder has been heard is only two. Comparing the above climatic conditions with those found at Toronto and certain stations in England, as is shown in the following table and diagrams, we find that the climate of this southern portion of Vancouver Island holds a highly favorable position.

At Toronto the Winter temperatures are considerably below the freezing point, the precipitation then occurs chiefly as snow, and the hourly wind velocities are much higher during that period than about here.

The average temperature at London during the Winter months is two degrees lower than here, and the same difference is to be found at Wilton not far from Salisbury Plains, while regarding the monthly and annual precipitation, the former is far heavier during the Summer months at London, Wilton, and at Folkestone (near Shorncliffe), than occurs here, and at Wilton the annual amount is greater than at Victoria.

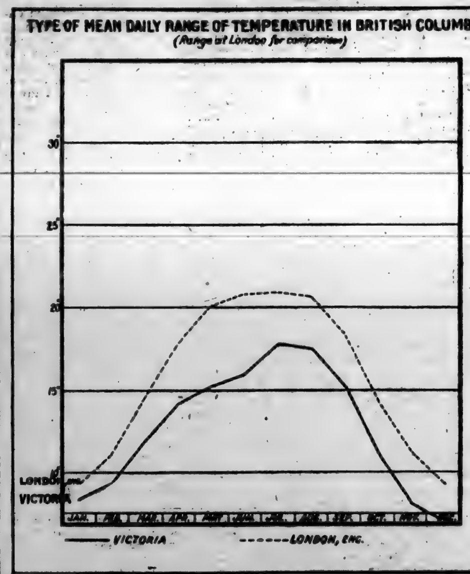
In 1914 Victoria reported 10 fogs, London 18, Folkestone 16, and Wilton 25.

Regarding hourly wind velocities it will be seen that at Southport on the Lancashire Coast, the wind movement during the year is far greater than in this vicinity.

The following diagrams published by the director of the Meteorological Service of Canada at Toronto, clearly shows the mean temperature and mean daily range of temperature compares favorably with those of London.

The mild Winter on this southern portion of Vancouver Island is partly due to the tempering effect of the ever changing tidal waters which surround this area upon almost three sides and also to the masses of comparatively warm air spreading eastward from the Pacific Ocean.

The small precipitation here is largely due to the open nature of the adjacent country, while to the westward the moisture laden winds from the Pacific cause a very heavy precipitation on the highest ranges there, and again on the western slopes of the Coast Mountains on the Mainland.



Mean Temperature

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
Victoria	38.4	40.0	44.0	48.2	53.5	57.3	60.8	59.9	56.1	50.5	45.1	41.7	49.6
Toronto	23.9	21.1	30.2	43.1	53.6	64.6	69.1	67.2	60.8	48.3	35.9	27.7	45.4
London, Eng.	38.6	40.0	43.0	48.5	54.3	60.9	64.4	63.3	58.5	50.1	43.9	39.5	50.4

Average Precipitation

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
Victoria	4.42	3.15	2.19	1.28	1.08	.94	.40	.67	1.69	2.72	4.92	4.20	27.61
Toronto	2.81	2.32	2.20	2.13	2.85	2.79	2.93	2.67	2.85	2.67	2.46	2.61	31.39
London	1.87	1.65	1.66	1.68	1.75	2.29	2.57	2.39	2.17	2.74	2.36	2.05	25.16
Folkestone	2.39	1.93	1.83	1.82	1.70	1.98	2.18	2.44	1.13	3.30	3.24	2.77	26.66
Wilton	3.04	2.57	2.17	2.22	1.97	2.27	2.50	2.71	2.46	3.56	3.44	3.32	32.23

Average Hourly Wind Velocity

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
Victoria	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	9.3	8.6	7.6	6.2	6.4	8.5	8.6	8.2
Toronto	12.6	12.6	11.3	11.3	9.0	7.9	7.3	7.2	7.9	9.7	11.5	12.0	10.2
Southport, Eng.	17.3	17.3	15.8	15.7	13.5	13.3	12.8	14.5	12.7	14.3	15.0	16.1	14.9

Number of Fogs in 1914

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
Victoria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	10
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Some very interesting pictures of the Henry Ford "Peace Expedition," taken on board the Oscar II., will be shown at the Variety Theatre during the first part of the week, commencing tomorrow. The Universal Film Co. has a representative camera man aboard the vessel, and they will have the exclusive motion pictures of all interesting events which transpire during the trip to Europe.

The balance of the programme for the first half of the week at the Variety is exceptionally good, and includes a three-reel drama of the present day, "Both Sides of Life," featuring Ella Hall, who will be remembered for her excellent work in her character of Jewel, in the play of the same name, which was shown at the Variety a few weeks ago. The ever popular Warren Kerrigan will appear in the second of "The New Adventures of Terrance O'Rourke," which are proving quite popular. A number of special musical selections appropriate to the pictures will be rendered by the Variety Concert Orchestra, under the capable direction of Al Rumsby.

RUFUS WALLINGFORD AT ROYAL VICTORIA

George Randolph Chester's series of stories, known by the above title have been picturized, and will be shown at the Royal Victoria the first three days of this week. Each of the series has a complete story of its own, at the end of which another name is crossed off the list of prospective victims.

There is no doubt that the directors are responsible for the creditable style in which the series is being presented (judging from the first episode), although some of the honors must go to the cast, which is composed of Burr McIntosh in the role of J. Rufus Wallingford, Max Figman as "Blackie Daw," Lolita Robertson as Violet Warden, upon the swindling of whose father rests the plot of the play. The title of the first picture will be "The Bungalow Tangle."

Included on the same programme are two other fine features, "The Fallen Standard" and "The Monopolist," both of which pictures are sure to please the most critical of moving picture audiences.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

"The House of a Thousand Candles"

"The House of a Thousand Candles," a five reel Selig Red Seal Play featuring Harry Mestayer, will be the attraction at the Columbia Theatre, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This film is an adaptation of the novel of the same title by Meredith Nicholson, and is said to be one of the best "surprise" stories ever filmed. Miss Grace Darmond, John Charles, George Bakus, and many other well known players appear in the supporting roles. The plot revolves about an eccentric old squire, who takes unusual means of forcing his grandson to marry the girl he wishes him to. The old man "dies" in the early part of the story, but in the last scene he appears as healthy and happy as any of the other characters in the play. How this occurs is cleverly explained in the five reels of action which make up the film drama.

Lecture on "The Moon"—The second of the popular series of lectures on astronomical subjects will be delievered by Mr. F. Napier Denison, in the auditorium of the Girl's Central School, on Tuesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Moon." The lecture will be illustrated with many splendid lantern slides, the work of the Paris and the Yerkes Observatories, and among the best ever obtained. The effect on the moon on Pacific Coast tides will be dealt with in the course of the evening. These lectures are under the auspices of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a general invitation is extended to all city teachers, and those attending the Normal School. They are proving of very great educational value.

PRIZE-GIVING AT COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

End of Term Ceremony Attended by Pleasing Features —Prizes Distributed by Dean Schofield.

The annual prize giving of the Collegiate School, was held on Friday evening. Reports of the work of the various forms were submitted by the headmaster, and showed that satisfactory results were obtained. Reference was made to the fact that most of the elder boys had either left to enter business or to enlist. Of the fourth form scholars, one, Leonard Houghton, had passed fourth in the whole of Canada into the naval cadets. The headmaster expressed the hope that some arrangement might be made with the University of British Columbia, whereby an examination corresponding to the Oxford and Cambridge local examination to the College of Preceptors, would be arranged, thus ensuring the work of the schools having a set standard, and also directing the attention of the boys to the university career at an earlier age than is usually the case. Mention was made of twenty-eight boys who had been at the school during the past seven years and are now serving with the colors, and doubtless there were many more who had been at the school before his (the headmaster's) time.

Dean Schofield distributed the prizes, making appropriate remarks to each recipient, and afterwards addressed the boys, and was given an enthusiastic reception. He congratulated the school on its not only having suffered no falling off in numbers, but is actually reaching its highest roll. He referred to the lengthy list of old boys at the front, and remarked that as Waterloo was won on the playgrounds of Eton and Harrow, so might the greatest war of history be won in part by Canadian troops trained upon the playgrounds of the Collegiate University and other such schools. To the boys, to the parents and friends, and to the staff, he gave separate messages.

A short concert was given by the boys under the baton of Mr. Hinton, music master. Two mandolin solos were charmingly rendered by Miss Forbes and Mrs. C. Bridgewater, accompanied the boys in her song, "Canada for Empire." The prize winners were:

Prize Winners

Form I.: First prize, presented by Mrs. G. Lang, Duke, II.; second, Curtis, I.; third, Hodgins; fourth, Officer; fifth, Curtis, II.

Form II.: First, Harris; second, Simmonds; third, Ellis, II.; fourth, Maclean; divinity, Harrir, presented by Mrs. Jenkinson.

Form III.: Form, Winter; French, Lee; mathematics, Winter; divinity, Winter; English, Fell, I.

Form IV.: Form, Bass, presented by Mrs. Bowser; Latin, Macey, presented by Mr. P. F. Curtis; French, Macey, presented by Mrs. Verrinder; mathematics, Bass; divinity, Cunningham.

A special prize for drawing and painting was won by Simmonds, the prize being presented by Mrs. Preston. In drawing, first prize was secured by Roberts and second by Walker.

COMING EVENTS

Proceeds for Red Cross—The Ivy Leaf Social Club will give all the proceeds derived from its whist drive on Thursday next to the Red Cross Fund.

Baxter Review—Baxter Review, No. 8, will hold its regular meeting at 701 Vancouver Street tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Whist Drive—Purple Star Lodge 104, L. O. B. A., will hold its regular whist drive in the Orange Hall, Yates Street, on Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Speaks on Prohibition—A meeting of the Ward 1 Prohibition Association will be held at the Temperance Hall, Cedar Hill, on Thursday next, when Dr. Hall will give a lecture on "Prohibition."

Drawing Tomorrow—The drawing for the Red Cross quilt, donated by Mrs. Martin Ferguson, of Saanichton, will take place tomorrow morning at the Temple Building.

Orange Lodge to Meet—The Queen of the Island Lodge No. 209, L. O. B. A., will hold its regular meeting on Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Orange Hall, Yates Street. All members are requested to attend.

For Mission Funds—A lecture with lantern slides will be given by Rev. Mr. Littler, in aid of the funds of the Oaklands Church of England Mission, on December 21, at 8 p.m., in the Church of England Mission Hall, Gosworth Road. The public are invited to attend.

Banquet Committee—The Welcome Club banquet committee will meet on Tuesday, at 3 p.m., in Room C, Y. M. C. A. Building. All members are requested to attend, as final arrangements are to be made for the banquet on December 30.

Foresters' Meeting—Companion Court Far West, No. 279, Independent Order of Foresters, will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Bloor, Douglas Road (Gorge car). Special business will be the election of officers for 1916.

Christmas Meeting—The Christmas meeting of the Metropolitan Women's Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Spencer, 930 Moss Street, tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock. A splendid programme has been arranged, and all members are cordially invited to attend.

Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The Florence Nightingale Chapter will be in charge at I. O. D. E. headquarters, 732 Fort Street, tomorrow. The regent hopes as many members as possible will attend a special committee meeting, at 2:30 p.m., to make arrangements for the next day.

Pythian Sisters—The Pythian Sisters will hold a whist drive tomorrow, at 8 p.m., at the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street. A cordial invitation is extended to men of His Majesty's forces and their friends. Prizes and refreshments will be provided, and a good time is foreshadowed.

Men's Meeting at Y. M. C. A.—The usual Sunday afternoon men's meeting will be held this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock, when Rev. Robert Connell will speak upon the topic "War-Time Thoughts on Religion." An excellent musical programme has been arranged. After the service a fellowship tea will be served in the dining-room, to which all those at the service are invited.

Daughters of St. George—Members of Victoria Lodge, No. 83, Daughters of St. George, will meet for business at the K. of C. Hall, Fort Street, tomorrow at 3 p. m. The installation of officers for ensuing year will take place. The public whist drive will not be held this month owing to lodge business.

Rowland's Band Concert — At 8:45 o'clock this evening Rowland's Band will give the usual concert at Pantages Theatre. Mr. P. J. Murphy, tenor, will assist, and Miss Agnes Wallace will contribute a bagpipe solo. The band numbers include the "Geisha," selection of British patriotic airs and, by request, a medley of favorite hymns.

First Baptist Ladies' Aid—The Ladies' Aid of the First Baptist Church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the temporary building, corner of Yates and Quadra Streets. Collectors of the Calendar Club are asked to report, so that the treasurer can close her books for the year.

Daughters of England—The quarterly meeting of Lodge Primrose, No. 53, will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. The Daughters are holding their second anniversary supper and dance on Tuesday, December 28, in the same hall.

Anglo-French Matinee—The Alliance Francaise will hold an Anglo-French matinee at the residence of Mrs. Agnew, 1322 Rockland Avenue, on the afternoon of Saturday, January 8, at 3 o'clock, in aid of wounded French soldiers. There will be a short programme and several other attractions. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Alliance Francaise or by phoning 441.

St. Matthias' Church—It has been decided to start the work of decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday evening next at 7:30 p. m. All who will help in this work will be very welcome, and contributions of evergreens, berried holly or variegated holly will be much appreciated. Such contributions should be left at the church any time on Tuesday.

Gonzales Chapter, I. O. D. E.—Any members of Gonzales Chapter, I. O. D. E., who have not yet been asked to assist in the Tag Day collection for the Patriotic Aid Fund, on Tuesday next, and who are willing to do so, are requested to persent themselves at the Causeway, on Tuesday, at any hour convenient, when their services will be utilized.

St. Barnabas Church—On Tuesday at 8 p. m. the last of the series of Advent lectures which have been given in connection with St. Barnabas Church will be delivered by Mr. Howard Chapman. Mr. Chapman will show over 100 excellent lantern views, including war pictures and scenes depicting various aspects of the mobilization of troops, and the entertainment promises to be of exceptional interest. Musical selections will be interspersed.

Centennial Epworth League—Tomorrow evening, the regular monthly literary meeting of the Centenial Epworth League will be held, when, under the guidance of Mr. Will Stubbs, the members will spend "An Evening With Charles Dickens." Extracts from some of his best known works will be read, and an enjoyable time is anticipated. The missionary committee is asked to meet at 7:30 p.m., sharp, as there is important business relative to that department to be transacted.

Fifth Regiment Band—The following is the programme for this evening's concert at the Royal Victoria Theatre: "God Save the King"; march, "School Life," Johnson;; overture, "Stradella," Flotow; vocal duet, "When Life's Dream Is O'er," Mrs. Weaver and Miss L. Griffiths; clarinet solo, "Home, Sweet Home," Rollinson, Cpl. Willis; selection, "Our Miss Gibbs," Monckton; vocal solo, "The Slave Song," Teresa del Riego, Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds; humorous fantasia, "Three Blind Mice," Douglas; selection, "French-Canadian Airs," Laurendeau; Miss A. Muriset, accompanist; bandmaster, W. J. Smith.

Red and Blue Cross Flower Guild—A sale of holly will open tomorrow, the proceeds of which will go to the funds of the Red Cross and Blue Cross Societies. Those donating holly for this cause are asked to leave it without delay at the Empress Hotel, where a room has been placed at the disposal of the Guild by the kindness of the manager. All ladies who are going to help with the selling will meet at the Empress Hotel tomorrow, not later than 12:30 p.m. Further information will be furnished by telephoning 5149 L.

"The Messiah"—At a meeting of the official board of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, held recently, it was decided the choir would repeat on next Good Friday evening Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," which was given with such success by the choir on Good Friday last. In view of the depression, the price of admission will be kept the same as last year, viz., 25c. Rehearsals will commence early in the year, and with a good choir, one of the finest organs in the Dominion, and a building so well adapted for oratorio, a fine performance may be confidently expected.

Maccabees Reunions—Victoria Review, No. 1, Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, will hold its regular monthly social dance in the K. of C. Hall, Fort Street, at 8 p.m., on December 28. Professor Heaton is to supply the music. Light refreshments will be served. Soldiers and sailors are all welcome, to have a good time at these informal gatherings. A short business meeting will take place at 7:30 o'clock. Members of Baxter, No. 8, and Queen Alexandra, No. 11, are welcome.

Christmas Entertainment — On next Tuesday evening at the grand Christmas entertainment to be held at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, ten Christmas presents will be given away to those holding the tickets bearing the lucky numbers. These prizes have been generously donated by the following firms: Brown's Drug Store, Thoburn Grocery, Western Supply Company, Beaumont Grocery, Esquimalt Market, Nell's Confectionery and members of the Red Cross. On this occasion Commander Hose will occupy the position of chairman, and Mr. Withers has arranged half of the programme, the other half will consist of songs by Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Jolliffe, Miss Logrin, the Misses Swan, Lea, Cpl. Morden, of the Western Scots, and Cpl. Morrison, also of the Western Scots. The doll which has been an exhibition at the Beehive will be given away on this evening to the holder of the lucky ticket.

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Dependents of Munition Workmen Asked to Supply Names to Federal Labor Department

In response to his appeal to the Department of Labor, at Ottawa, for information as to what steps have been taken in regard to the payment to dependents of munition workers who left for England some months ago, of the allowance of 17s. 6d. granted by the Imperial Government, Mr. John Day, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, yesterday received a reply from Mr. A. Ackland, Deputy Minister of Labor, who telegraphed as follows:

"This department, acting on behalf of the British authorities, is now paying about 700 separation allowances where approved claims have been received from England. Additional claims which may be received at any time will receive prompt attention. No payments can be made where approved claims are not received. You will understand that separation allowance is granted by the British Government in addition to wages paid, and thus supplements the aid which dependents should receive direct from workmen concerned. Kindly mail list of Barnes-Windham workmen from Victoria with alleged dependents not yet receiving allowance."

site the Westholme Hotel, tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Though, as stated in Mr. Ackland's wire, some 700 dependents are receiving the allowance, apparently none of them are in this section. At least, of the scores of dependents who have inquired of the labor heads here as to when they might expect to receive the allowance, none knew of any Victorians in receipt of an allowance.

Now that something definite has been learned, Mr. Day will procure the names of all dependents here entitled to receive the allowance, and for that purpose, he will be at the Labor Hall, in Dennes Block, Government Street, opposite

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SOLDIERS BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Party of Twelve Wounded and Forty Others Discharged Arrive at St. John—Lieut. Crompton Included.

ST. JOHN'S, N. B., Dec. 18.—Twelve wounded and invalided soldiers and forty others discharged for various reasons from the Canadian forces overseas, arrived here from Havre last night on the Allan liner Corinthian. They were in charge of Major Mayes, who had with him Lieut. Blaydon, of Winnipeg, and Pte. Botterill. The twelve invalided men are all suffering from nervous shock caused by sustained shell fire, and some from wounds also. When the Corinthian docked they were immediately conveyed to hospital for further treatment, and are expected to remain there for some time.

The trip across the Atlantic was a very rough one, some of the passengers stated. Shortly after the steamer left Havre, it was said, one of the wounded men, a Pte. Tupper, fell overboard. In spite of the high sea, Steward Weatherston, of the Corinthian, dived overboard and succeeded in keeping Tupper afloat until they both were picked up by a boat from the steamer.

Aboard the Corinthian was Capt. A. C. Armstrong, of Moose Jaw, attached to the medical corps. He left for his home Thursday night. Lieut. Christie, of Truro, N. S., invalided for two and a half months, also departed immediately for his home.

Among the discharged men are eight Bulgarians. They enlisted in the first contingent from various parts of Canada. "Their intentions were perfectly good," said an officer who had charge of them. "But," he added, "when Bulgaria joined the Central Powers they had to be recalled. Some of them had seen active service at the front. But they had to be discharged, upon demand from the British War Office, immediately Bulgaria definitely entered the war."

The Corinthian carried 22 second cabin passengers and 127 third cabin passengers.

Major H. G. Mayes was formerly of the Fort Garry Horse. He was recently appointed inspector of physical drill and bayonet instruction. The major left immediately for Quebec, where he will enter upon his new duties.

Major Mayes represented Canada in the Davis Cup (tennis) tournament. He stated that conditions at the front are excellent and the morale of the troops above reproach. Lord Kitchener will have four million men equipped and trained by Spring, he said, and then a grand "dusting off" will take place. The final drive will be made up by hand-to-hand encounters; thus it was that bayonet drill and hand-to-hand tactics are being especially attended to by military instructors today. The standard of fitness in military knowledge and tactics is constantly being raised in anticipation of the great move in the Spring.

Lieut. Crompton, of British Columbia, invalided home, was attached to Major Mayes' party.

Sergt. Smith, a well-known Toronto boxer, also was a passenger. He will take up physical drill work in Canada among the soldiers in training.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Elizabeth MacKenzie, B. A., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKenzie, Warwick, Ontario, to Mr. Everett Stanley Farr, B.A., L.L.B., of Vegreville, Alberta, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farr, Gainsborough, Sask. The marriage is to take place in Warwick, late in December.

NATIONAL RESERVE

National Reserve of Canada, No. 2 Company, Victoria, B. C. Lieut.-Col. Gregory commanding.

No. 2 Company will parade at headquarters, Bastion Street, Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p.m. sharp.

Maywood Company on Thursday, December 23, at 8 p.m. sharp, at Tolmie School, Boleskine Road.

Ambulance Class, Friday, December 24, at 7:30 p.m.

By order,

GEORGE J. GRIMASON,
Captain.

IS OFFERED COMMISSION

Mr. A. M. Roberts, Formerly of The Colonist Editorial Staff, Leaves Western Scots for England

Mr. A. M. Roberts, who for several years was engaged in the real estate business here, and who subsequently became attached to the editorial staff of The Colonist, has obtained his discharge from the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, with which unit he had been serving for several months. He entered the ranks as a private, and through merit earned a sergeant's stripes. He was permitted to leave by his O. C., Col. Ross, in order to go to England, where he has been offered a commission. Mr. Roberts now is en route to the Old Country. He has many friends here, who will wish him every success.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Following are the results of scheduled football games played today on the grounds of the first-mentioned clubs:

Midland Section

Burnley, 1; Notts County, 0.
Bradford City, 3; Lincoln, 0.
Hull City, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 3.
Leeds City, 1; Bradford, 1.
Leicester Fosse, 2; Grimsby Town, 0.
Notts Forest, 3; Derby County, 0.
Sheffield United, 5; Huddersfield Town, 1.

Lancashire Section

Blackpool ,1; Everton, 4.
Bury, 0; Manchester City, 3.
B Liverpool, 2; Stoke, 0.
Manchester United, 1; Bolton Wanderers, 0.
Rochdale, 3; Preston North End, 4.
Stockport County, 0; Burnley, 3.
Southport, 2; Oldham Athletic, 3.

London Section

Brentford, 1; Clapton, Orient, 0.
Westham United, 3; Fulham, 3.
Tottenham Hotspur, 3; Queen's Park Rangers, 1.
Chelsea, 6; Crystal Palace, 1.
The Arsenal, 3; Watford, 1.
Croydon Common, 1; Millwall Athletic, 0.

Scottish League

Falkirk, 0; Atherton, 3.
Airdrieonians, 1; Hibernians, 0.
St. Mirren, 1; Ayr United, 0.
Partick Thistle, 0; Celtic, 4.
Clyde, 0; Rangers, 2.
Hamilton Academicals, 1; Dumbarton, 1.
Hearts of Midlothian, 4; Motherwell, 0.
Kilmarnock, 1; Third Lanark, 1.
Queen's Park, 4; Morton, 4.

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Ambulance Corps, 67th Batt, C.E.F, Western Scots

Under Lieut. F. M. Bryant, Medical Officer, the ambulance corps of the Western Scots has been thoroughly trained in first aid, stretcher work, etc., and is considered one of the most efficient branches of the staff of the unit. The names follow: Back row, left to right—Ptes. H. G. Peters, S. E. Walker, W. Norman and B. H. Wallace. Second row—Ptes. A. Hutchinson, A. Ronald, W. H. Duncan, J. Robertson, J. R. Low and E. Rogers. Front row—Pte. M. J. Danby, Cpl. R. Morrison, Lieut. F. M. Bryant, Lce.-Cpl. F. Sargent and Pte. R. Dooley.

Bomb Throwing Corps of 67th Batt., C.E.F., Western Scots

Above are the officers and N.C.O.'s of the 67th who received instruction in bomb throwing at the hands of Capt. Gray, a Canadian officer recently returned from the front. The names follow: Back row, left to right—Sgt. Dorais, Sgt. Steele and Sgt. Massy. Centre row—Sgt. Banks, Lieut. Cooke, Lieut. Torry, Sgt. Morrison. Front row—Lieuts. Montgomery, Kennedy, Carey, Badger and Gary.

Signalling Section of 67th Batt, C.E.F., Western Scots.

Photo by R. L. Pocock

Officers and men of the Western Scots are properly proud of their signallers, whose pictures are produced above. The names follow: Back row, left to right—Ptes. Kendall, Menary, and Moore. Third row—Ptes. Hardwick, De Walt, Marifield and McVay. Second row—Pte. Boyd, Lce.-Cpl. Henderson, Sgt. Paiston, Lieut. Sturgess, Adjutant, Cpl. Ross and Pte. Haynes. Front row—(Dispatch riders) Ptes. Bowring, Day, Davey, Beer and Burkett.

SECURE CLUES TO CONSPIRACY

U. S. Authorities State That Arrests of Alleged Welland Canal Plotters Furnished Them With Information.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—With the arraignment here today of Paul Koenig, said to be the head of the German secret service in this country, and Richard Leyendecker, a New York art goods dealer, on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal, Federal authorities said they had in their hands the clues to a country-wide conspiracy to blow up munition plants, which has already resulted in the loss of many lives and the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of property.

For several years Koenig has been the head of a detective firm employed here by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. The company, which is subsidized by the German government, was quick to come to his aid, and, through a local surety company, supplied $50,000 for him and $30,000 bail for Leyendecker.

The first arrest of Koenig and Leyendecker was coincident with the arrest by county attorneys of Frederick Scheindl, a clerk in the National City Bank. Scheindl, detectives claim, at first stated that he was employed by Koenig to supply him with information regarding the shipment of munitions to the Allies.

Scheindl was arraigned before a police magistrate on an affidavit charging him with suspected larceny of documents and messages valued at $100,000 from the National City Bank. He was held in $25,000 bail for a hearing on Monday.

Damaging Evidence

Important evidence regarding Koenig's activities is understood to have been obtained from Frederick Metzler, who was arrested in connection with Koenig and Leyendecker. Metzler was employed by the Hamburg-American line, and acted as stenographer for Koenig.

A high Federal official admitted that Metzler had offered to turn state's evidence and had already supplied the Government with much valuable information.

Two attorneys, acting for the Hamburg-American Line, went to the Federal authorities today and asked permission to see Metzler. This request was refused. The attorneys then offered any amount of bail to secure Metzler's freedom, but this also was refused.

Another man held by the authorities as a witness against Koenig is George Fuchs, about whose identity the utmost secrecy was observed. Fuchs was taken into custody, but was not formally arrested, and no charge was made against him. It was reported that he was in reality a secret service agent and that it was largely through his efforts the alleged plot was uncovered.

A new development occurred in the case today when Otto F. Mottola, a police headquarters detective, was suspended after a hearing by the commissioners. The detective was summoned before the commissioners after the police said they found his name in a notebook taken from Koenig. According to statements attributed to Koenig and Metzler, Mottola was employed by the former at $3 a day to make investigations.

Secret service agents say that Koenig had twenty-seven agents in New York city alone, and probably 300 scattered around the country.

The evidence against Koenig and Leyendecker will be laid before a special grand jury, which will be summoned late next week.

CANAL OPEN TODAY

Vessels Drawing Less Than Twenty Feet Will Be Able to Pass Through —Full Traffic Soon

PANAMA, Dec. 18.—The Panama Canal, which has been closed since September 18 last by the worse slide in its history, will be opened again for the passage of vessels drawing less than 20 feet tomorrow, when ten ships, three from the Atlantic end and seven from the Pacific end, will make the passage.

Exceptional progress, aided by good weather conditions, made during the last 36 hours, enabled the canal engineers and dredge men to upset the predictions that the canal would not again be opened to traffic before next Spring. Providing that no further earth slides occur the canal will be ready for the transit of vessels of all drafts shortly after the first of the year.

Barbarian Invaders

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The following official Serbian statement has been received from Scutari: "During the retreat of the Serbian army the Austrians and Bulgarians armed Mussulmans in new Serbia and incited them against the peaceful population. Numerous massacres ensued and unprecedented cruelties and crimes were committed."

GET LITTLE ATTENTION

No Official or Other Reception for Ford Party in Norway—Evidence of Disagreement on Voyage

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The ship Oscar II., with the Ford peace party, arrived at Christiansand at 3:30 o'clock, according to a dispatch from Christiana to Reuter's Telegram Co. No official or other reception was accorded the peace party, and only newspaper men boarded the vessel on its arrival.

Henry Ford and Madame Rosika Schwimmer denied to interviewers that there had been a disagreement en route. It was said that some members of the party will leave at Christiana on account of sickness.

Journalists who accompanied the party confirmed the story that a disagreement had occurred.

Organizing Indian Battalion

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Arrangements are being made for the organization of an Indian battalion for overseas service. A company is now being recruited in Western Ontario. The Six Nations Indians of Brantford have sent no less than thirty-four men, of whom one, Lieut. Brant, a grandson of the famous Chief Brant, was killed at Ypres. Over a hundred and fifty Indians have been recruited in the various battalions, although some Indians have so far been refused the opportunity to enlist. Some Blackfeet were refused, but ran away and enlisted.

CANNOT PAY INTEREST

Western Canada Power Company Seeks to Make Arrangement With Holders of Bonds

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Western Canada Power Company, Ltd., in a published statement this morning announces that it is unable to raise money to pay the half-yearly interest on the first mortgage bonds, which falls due on January 1 next, and states that a proposal is under consideration to convert the next two years' interest coupons at par into preference shares.

The statement reviews the efforts made a year ago to sell a block of bonds in London, which failed owing to the embargo placed by the British Treasury on new capital issues. New construction had ceased some time before that, and net earnings had since been devoted to capital expenditures previously incurred. Under these circumstances the company finds itself unable to provide funds to meet its January interest.

A committee representing holders of the company's three-year notes (secured by second mortgage bonds), which fall due March 1 next, has tentatively agreed to convert the notes at par and accrued interest into seven per cent preference stock. One of the conditions of the agreement is that the holders of the first mortgage bonds in turn agree to accept preference stock for interest coupons due in the next two years.

It is further stated that the company will require about $250,000 in cash within the next two years in order to complete the construction of necessary work. Proposals in connection with this are also under consideration.

"Upon the improvement of industrial conditions in British Columbia, at the close of the present war," the statement adds, "the company should be in a position to earn its fixed charges and a dividend upon its preference shares."

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AVIATION BEGETS GIFT OF IMAGINATION

Skill and Courage Are Developed in Course of Crowded Hours Men Spend Above German Lines.

(By W. Beach Thomas)

A great gift of imagination, as well as of skill and courage, is born in our British airmen in the course of the crowded hours they spend above and behind the German lines.

Unlike men in the trenches, whose task is to endure steadily, the airman must concentrate all his will and intention into the space of a few hours a week; and in war-flying everything he does helps towards that concentration. As he flies over the enemy's lines the "Archies," or anti-aircraft guns, begin at once and for certain.

Now it is not perhaps necessarily worse to be shot at when in the air than when on the ground or under it. You have the mental advantage of not seeing friends fall round you, and the bullets that miss your billet miss all billets. But against this advantage is the sense and knowledge that the guns are not shooting "into the brown," or vaguely, but that every explosion is aimed at you and you only.

In the trenches is no question of dodging shell. If you are to be hit you will be hit; and in any case the danger is over before you know it is there. Your defence against nerves is a wise and quiet fatalism, limited by general precautions. In the air your life often depends on your skill in dodging. You see the flash of the "Archie" and have two seconds of time in which, if you "bank" and swerve with proper skill, you will probably dodge the shell, supposing it to be well aimed; and German "Archies" are very well handled. It seems to be ordained in this war that Germany should have all the targets.

The sea is stiff with British ships which her submarines can shoot their torpedoes at whenever they dare. On the continent the towns and villages and houses at which German artillery is fired are enemy's property that they desire to destroy, and have so long determined to destroy that every crucial angle and distance has been previously registered, and the artillery can work without the need of observation. In the air every German aircraft gun has had perhaps fifty times the practice that any of ours have enjoyed. Indeed, now so completely and confessedly have the Germans abandoned the aggressive that a new type of defensive aircraft has been designed which never yet once has attempted to come within range of the British lines. It seeks targets, but does not mean to become one.

The airman aloft feels he is the sole target, and, if he be out for observation, he is very conscious that he has no means of retaliation, like a man without a rifle who goes out to photograph wild beasts. And incidentally it may be said that a great percentage of the air casualties have been incurred in taking photographs. When you see from the ground the pretty little puffs of three-pound shrapnel bursting round a high-flying airplane, your impression is that the puffs are as harmless as the white cumulus clouds which they resemble. The comely plane looks high and safe.

Aloof from our mutations and unrest, and quite beyond range. The truth is that nowadays it is never beyond range. The new German guns can burst their shells at an altitude of 20,000 feet, and more vertically; and an airplane is very little use for observation at more than 3,000 or 8,000 feet. It is rare for an airman to go on any prolonged trip without being hit. I know one airman who kept very careful records, and found that out of 143 reconnaissances he was struck on all occasions but three, and often was struck many times. By being struck I mean that some part of the machine was touched.

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On one occasion a shell which did not explode passed within a foot or two of his observer's head, and carried away a stay. Of course, the higher a man flies the safer he feels; and it is at the great heights that the airman touches that ecstasy of imagination which is beyond comparison in any other form of activity. He is in another world where such things as courage and cowardice or life and death have vague distinctions and little meanings.

Up high, so far as the faculty of sight, the most vivid of the senses, is concerned, you might almost be poised like a windnover against an opposing wind. But as you sink, the sense of speed and hurry increases with every degree of approach to the motionless ground, which gives the contrast. On this account the finest climax of sensation known is the vol-plane. The noise of the engine ceases. A moment supervenes of tranquillity and superiority to all the things that are, and from the womb of this voluptuous Nirvana is born an ecstasy of sensation which increases in energy with every yard of growth in speed and nearness to the earth.

It is only the intense concentration of the crowded moments that can enable the airmen to do the things they do. Instances are too numerous to quote; but the one which most amazes me of all that I have heard is the following feat of an observer now a prisoner in Germany. His pilot was shot through the head in front of him. He himself had seldom handled a machine, and was a good deal charged for his incompetency. What the incompetent airman did at this crisis was to climb along the stays, transfer the body of the dead man to the back seat, take his own place in the front, and bring the machine down safely to land. Of course the degree of automatic stability now reached in aircraft made such a feat possible; but it remains a sufficient marvel.

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Bomb-throwing is the airman's amusement. His work is, first, the daily observation flights round and over the guns which he knows will fire at him; second, long reconnaissance flights, when he runs against time as well as against "Archies" and hostile craft, and loses caste if he has much more than a quarter of an hour of patrol in his tank. After this, bomb-throwing against a particular objective is often child's play, dangerous enough, but free from the hard certainty of the other working daughts. It is, perhaps, largely for the sake of encouraging their men that the German authorities serve out bombs so frequently for insufficient objects. Scores who would rejoice in a bomb-throwing trip where you can take your own route would not have the nerve to dance the usual and unrecorded chance above the guns behind the enemy's lines.

Our military air service, which, on the whole, fulfils a very different function from the naval, spends very little on bombs. When bombs are dropped they are dropped with very definite destins connected with the general strategy. But there are some men who have had the chance to develop a particular faculty for straight shooting, some by careful use of the sights, some by a sort of instinct.

One of the most satisfactory double shots by one of the instinctive school was as follows: The airman went out on the not infrequent mission of attacking one of the captive sausages used for observation by the German artillery. On his approach, the balloon, as often on such occasions, was rapidly hauled down; and the airman had a bomb to spare. As it happened he was attacked by one of the newer German devices. A bevy of fire rockets from a collection of guns was let loose at him, with the object, of course, of setting fire to the machine. Here was the target he was looking for; and returning to the spot he dropped a very heavy bomb into the very centre of the hornets' nest. So complete was the destruction that when he came down low to see the result not even a rifle was discharged at him. He then returned to the camp, picked up another heavy bomb, flew back over the German lines, and found that the balloon, his original target, had gone aloft again. He reached it before it was completely lowered, and made a direct hit with the second bomb.

Such are the rare plums; but what is most splendid in our splendid air service is the daily task of observation which becomes more dangerous as time goes on. It is perhaps even finer than the air duels into which our men have entered with indescribable gusto; and it is unrecorded and often unrewarded.—London Daily Mail.

AT THE CITY CHURCHES

(All notices for this column must be received by 9 p.m. on Thursday of each week as otherwise they will not be published.)

ANGLICAN

Christ Church Cathedral

8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and sermon; preacher, the Dean. 3:30 p.m., Children's Catechizing. 4 p.m., Holy Baptism. 7 p.m., Evensong and sermon; preacher, Rev. A. H. Greenwood. Tuesday, St. Thomas' Day: Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Wednesday: Special Intercession Service and preparation for Christmas Communion at 8 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Saturday, Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 6, 7 and 8 a.m. Choral Communion at 9:15 a.m., with sermon. Matins and sermon at 11 a.m. Holy Communion at 12:15 p.m. Evensong at 4:30 p.m.

St. John's

Corner of Mason and Quadra Streets. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon. 2:30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes. 7:30 p.m., Evening Prayer and sermon. Service of Intercession, Friday, at 7:45 p.m.

St. Barnabas'

Corner of Cook Street and Caledonia Avenue. Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. Matins at 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist and sermon at 11 a.m. Choral Evensong at 7 p.m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher for the day. Intercession Service on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

St. James'

Corner of Quebec and St. John's Sts. Rector, Archdeacon of Victoria. Holy Communion at 8. Matins, ante-Communion service and sermon at 11. Sunday School at 2:30. Evensong and sermon at 7.

St. Mary's

Burns Street, Oak Bay. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 9:30 a.m., Military Parade Service. 11 a.m., Matins and sermon. 2:30 p.m., Sunday School. 4 p.m., Holy Baptism. 7 p.m., Evensong and sermon. Rev. G. H. Andrews, M.A., rector.

St. Mark's

Boleskine Road. Rev. J. W. Flinton, vicar. Litany, Holy Eucharist and sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evensong and sermon at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Festival of St. Thomas: Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. Intercession for the men at the front at 7:45 p.m., and Bible Study at 8 p.m.

St. Saviour's

Victoria West. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Intercession, 7 p.m.

St. Jude's

Obed Avenue. Rev. M. F. Hilton. Sunday School, 2:30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

Oaklands Mission

Evening Prayer and sermon at 7 p.m. Archdeacon Collison. Sunday School, 3 p.m.

St. Matthias' Mission

Corner Lillian Road and Wolseley St., Foul Bay. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Sunday School, 3 p.m. Evensong and sermon, 7 p.m.

Royal Jubilee Hospital

Service in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 will consist of Morning Prayer, hymns and sermon. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff, and the general public resident in the neighborhood cordially invited. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord

Corner Blanshard and Humboldt Sts. Rector, Rev. A. de B. Owen. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; subject, "Paul at Antioch." Evening Service, 7 p.m.; subject, "The Result of Doing Your Duty." Sunday School, 2:30 p.m. Mid-week Service of Intercession for the soldiers and sailors, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

St. Andrew's

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B.A., D.D., minister. Public Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Class at 12:15 p.m. Sabbath School at 2:30 p.m. The ordination and induction of elders will take place at the forenoon service. The minister will preach both morning and evening.

First

Corner Quadra and Pleasant Streets. Minister, Rev. Jno. Gibson Inkster, B.A. The minister will preach at both services. Subjects: 11 a.m., "Our Supreme Concern"; 7:30 p.m., "Moral Decay and the Cure."

St. Paul's

Corner Henry and Mary Streets, Victoria West. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. John Hogg, of Winnipeg, Man., will preach in the morning, and the pastor in the evening. Bible Class and Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.

METHODIST

James Bay

Corner Michigan and Menzies Streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleford, M.A., B.D., pastor. 11 a.m., Christmas service for the children. Songs by the Junior League. Christmas story. 2:30 p.m., Sunday School. 7:30 p.m. topic, "Brighter Aspects of the War." Monday, 8 p.m., Khaki night at the Epworth League. Our soldier boys and their friends will be entertained. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Sunday School service, "White Gifts for the King."

BAPTIST

First

Dominion Theatre Building, Yates St. Rev. John B. Warnicker, B.A. 11 a.m., "The Ten Commandments Up-to-Date: Covetousness." 7:30 p.m., "The Law of Sacrifice: Is It Just that the Innocent Should Suffer for the Guilty?" Sunday School, with Adult Classes, at 2:30 p.m. Annual entertainment Wednesday at 8 p.m.; cantata, "The Interrupted Programme." Prayer meeting Thursday, 8 p.m.

Emmanuel

Corner Fernwood Road and Gladstone Ave. Rev. William Stevenson, pastor. Special Christmas services. Sermons: 11 a.m., "The World Without Christmas"; Children's Talk, "Finding the Christ Child"; 7:30 p.m., "The Message of Bethlehem for Troubled Hearts." Sunday School, 2:30 p.m. Monday, Young People's Red Cross Social, 8 p.m. Thursday, prayer meeting, 8 p.m. Children's Xmas Tree, Tuesday, Dec. 28.

CONGREGATIONAL

First

Corner Quadra and Mason. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B.D., pastor. 2:30 p.m., Sabbath School and Adult Bible Classes. Special Christmas music at both morning and evening services. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B.D., will preach. Morning subject, "The Face of Jesus"; evening, "A Perfect Saviour for a Lost World." Monday, 8 p.m., Christian Endeavor Society. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Men's Own Club. Thursday, 8 p.m., mid-week service for prayer and praise.

LUTHERAN

Corner Princess Avenue and Chambers Street. Service at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. The Luther League and friends will meet at 7 p.m. Pastor, O. G. M. Gerbich.

CHRISTADELPHIAN

Meeting room, 1041 North Park Street. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Lecture, 7:30 p.m.; subject, "Palestine: Its Past Greatness, Present Condition and Future Glory."

Orange Hall (No. 2, upstairs), Yates Street. Meeting at 6:15. Lecture at 7:30; subject, "Restitution as Revealed by the Prophets of Old Contrasted with Modern Teaching."

BIBLE STUDENTS

Associated Bible Students meet in I.B.S.A. Hall, above Princess Theatre, Yates Street, at 11 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Evening discourse in theatre. Monday and Tuesday evenings, Bible study in hall.

UNITARIAN

Corner Fisgard and Fernwood. Service at 11 a.m. Minister, Rev. W. G. Letham, B.A.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

At 7 o'clock at the Friends' Meeting House, Fern Street, Mr. Henry Clark will, it is expected, speak on "Jerusalem." Not from a historical standpoint only, but from a spiritual and prophetic outlook, will the subject be treated. The speaker's personal intimate knowledge of Bible lands gives added force to the presentation of the subject.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist

935 Pandora Avenue. Service at 11 a.m. Testimonial meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Christians meet in Oaklands Gospel Hall, Cedar Hill Road, near Hillside Avenue. 11 a.m., Breaking of Bread. 3 p.m., School and Adult Bible Class. 7:30 p.m., Gospel address; subject, "A King Who Mobilized an Army in a Cave"; speaker, Mr. H. L. Hopkins.

Cloverdale Hall. Mr. J. H. Fleming, of Minneapolis, will speak on "What is the Unpardonable Sin?" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m. Gospel meeting at the Strangers' Rest, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Progressive Thought Temple, Corner Pandora and Blanshard Streets. Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a.m. on "The Power of a Poised Life." 7:30 p.m. subject, "Man Possessor of Divine Attributes." Wednesday evening, free talk on "Mental Telepathy" continued.

The Psychic Research Society meet at 719 Courtney Street. 3 p.m., conference and message work. 7:30 p.m., the pastor, Mrs. L. D. Combs, subject, "Destructive Forces." Psychic messages at the close. Tuesday, 8 p.m., public seance. Wednesday, 8 p.m., spiritual meeting.

The Divine Psychic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 727 Herald Street. Subject for lecture, "Man and His Different Bodies," by Rev. L. Reese. Soul messages after lecture.

In war men are nothing; a man is everything.—Napoleon.

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Sir Walter Scott's Printers

The well-known Edinburgh printing firm, Ballantyne, Hanson, & Co., are, it is said, amalgamating with the London firm, Spottiswoode & Co., New-street-square. Owing to the change, the Edinburgh firm have given their employees, between 400 and 500, a fortnight's notice. It is not yet known whether the plant of the Edinburgh firm will be removed to London. Ballantyne, Hanson & Co. were the printers of Sir Walter Scott's novels, and the press from which the first "Waverley" was printed is one of the relics of the period possessed by the firm. In recent years Hall Caine's novels have been turned out of the Causewayside Works.

Economizing on Eggs

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 18.—The Reichsanzeiger, today, prints a decree adopted yesterday by the Federal Council prohibiting bakeries from using eggs in baking cakes, or above 100 grammes each of fat and sugar to 500 grammes of flour. The official explanation offered for putting the decree in force tomorrow says it is designed to prevent the wasteful use of eggs and fat during Christmas, a self-denial which the civilian population can easily bear. Christmas cakes for the soldiery have already been sent to the front.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Henry Prather Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson, today, for Ambassador to Mexico. Eliseo Arredondo already has been accredited Mexican ambassador at Washington.

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BED Couch, 2 grass chairs; good condition; $13; seventy egg "Chatham" incubator, $6. Carter; Gordon Head.

BOY'S play auto; in good condition; used less than one year; price low; 1236 Oxford Street.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS for Sale—Wholesale and retail, at Bagshaw Nursery, 1770 Fairfield Road. Phone 404.

COMPUTING Scales—Dayton, Standard, Stimpson and Toledo makes. These are scales taken in trade for modern Dayton scales, and are all in perfect condition and Government inspected. Will be sold for fraction of original price. Computing Scale Co., 525 Yates Street. Phone 1556.

CORDWOOD—Fir and alder 1½ cords, $5. Phone 460L2.

ENGLISH baby buggy for sale cheap. Phone 3695R.

FINEST roots of rhubarb, raspberries, wineberries, loganberries, three for 25c; black and red cherry currant yearlings, 25c; largest phenomenal blackberries, herbs and ever-bearing strawberry plants, 75c per 100; M. M. Rudd, Buena Vista, Burnside Road. Phone 1933R1 or Market Stall 14.

FOR Sale—Double barrel gun in perfect condition, with case, complete, by Stevens. $15. Owens, 650 Cormorant.

FOR Sale—Gent's Bike, good condition, cheap, $10; also gas, water heater, all connections, $10. 605 Government.

FOR Sale—Kitchen range, several pieces furniture, two carpets; 1518 Haultain Street.

FOR sale Privately—Furniture, including range, cottage piano; also 100 modern novels; 155 Hollywood Crescent (Ross Street corner) view morning and evenings.

FURNITURE seven-room house for sale, cheap; house for rent or sale. Box 533, Colonist.

HEATERS—New heaters at second-hand prices; a few left which we want to clear. Colbert, 755 Broughton Street, just below new theatre.

HOLLY—Distant mail orders should leave not later than Monday. Buy that splendid holly purchased from Red Cross by B. C. Holly Export Co., Holly Headquarters, 755 View Street. Phone 284.

JUST One Big Family—Join us; $1.10 a day and all found. If you're married your wife receives $20 monthly from the Government and something extra for each child, apart from what you give her; 88th Fusiliers, corner Yates and Douglas, or Willows Camp.

MAGNET Auction Rooms—Furniture selling daily, war panic prices. Note address: Magnet Auction Rooms, 944 Fort, near Vancouver.

MALLEABLE steel ranges, $1 down and $1 per week. 2001 Government Street.

MARINE engines, 20 sizes, 7 H. P., distillate; $180 landed at Vancouver. Send for catalogue and other prices. Guarantee Motor Co., Hamilton, Canada.

PIANO—Nordheimer Upright Grand for sale, perfect condition; will sacrifice equity if sold by 22nd December. Cash or terms. Apply 1629 Pembroke Street.

SOUTHALL for stoves and ranges; next Dominion Theatre, Yates Street; exchanges made, coils made and connected; old stoves bought. Phone 4239R.

THINK of Miss Cavell, the Lusitania and the Ancona; then stop thinking and join the 88th. Corner Yates and Douglas or Willows Camp.

$5.00 FLEETFOOT Skates and boots, size 8, worn once. 5423L.

$14.50—Men's and women's suits made to order. C. Hoos, 1434 Government Street. Phone 2839.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

A CHANCE—Cash paid for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing and shoes. M. Stern, 609 Yates Street. Phone 4816.

A CHANCE to get cash for old gold and any old jewelry, watches and diamonds. M. Stern, 609 Yates Street. Phone 4816.

ATTENTION—Highest prices paid for old clothing, shoes, etc. Phone 2192. 1236 Government Street.

BEST prices paid for discarded clothes, shoes, etc. 541 Johnson Street. Phone 4488L. We call at any address.

BICYCLES—Best price given. 944 Fort.

BILLIARD table wanted to hire or purchase, full-sized English table complete. Write full particulars in first reply to Box 456, Colonist.

BOAT Wanted—35 or 40-ft. launch, sleeping accommodation, galley, etc. If you have one for sale or exchange write Box 422, Colonist.

FURNITURE wanted—Spot cash paid. 944 Fort. Phone 2114.

MILK round wanted. Box 420, Colonist.

PATRIOTIC Aid Society want eighty empty cigar boxes, fifties; send to 1216 Broad Street.

PIANO Wanted—Must be cheap for cash; give make and price. Box 496 Colonist.

RAGS—All sorts rags wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

RUBBER—Junk rubber wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

TOOLS—Second-hand, of all descriptions wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phoe 2702.

WANTED—Bosch magneto, four cylinder. Box 4288 Colonist.

WANTED—Boy's bicycle; 16 to 18-inch frame. Box 479 Colonist.

WANTED—Boys' suit clothes, age 13; boys' boots, size 5. Box 527, Colonist.

WANTED—Cabinet Gramophone, or otherwise; would take over one in arrears. Must be cheap. Box 500 Colonist.

WANTED—Cascara Bark, 1915 peel, unlimited quantities. J. Howshall & Co., 408 Sayward Building, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED cheap, baby crib. Box 427, Colonist.

WANTED—Large fireproof safe; must be cheap for cash. Box 473 Colonist.

WANTED—One horse, lumber wagon, two inch tyre; must be in good shape, for cash. Apply H. Brazier, Royal Oak.

WANTED—Second-hand gasoline engine; 6 to 8 horse-power. Send particulars to P. O. Box 1515, Victoria, B. C.

WANTED—Second-hand kitchen range, good condition, standard make. Phone 2293R.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

FREE rent, free meals and a free passage to Europe and back, and a chance to do your bit for your country's cause. Join the 88th family today. Corner Yates and Douglas or Willows Camp.

SADDLE Horse—Standard bred, quiet, for rent for half day Saturdays or Sundays, $5 per month; or will sell for $150 cash, with option to repurchase within six months at same price; horse can be seen at 400 Chester Street, corner of Fairfield Road. Phone 5215R.

TO Rent—Small store, 1708 Cook Street, suitable for barber, shoe, clothes cleaning, or repairing store, also one room store next door; rent very low to right party. 1054 Fisgard Street.

WANTED TO RENT—MISCEL.

WANTED to Rent—Barn inside city, to hold 4 or more horses. Box 524, Colonist.

ACREAGE FOR SALE

ACREAGE for sale, in large or small quantities. Apply A. Cosh, Happy Valley, Victoria, B.C.

FOR Sale—A bargain, 4½ acres close to city; full bearing orchard. P. O. Drawer 717.

FOR Sale—In Alberta, 160 acres at $14 an acre, 3 and 4 miles from two towns on C. P. R. Box 531, Colonist.

ROOM AND BOARD

ABERDEEN—941 McClure; new, modern, private hotel; central; visitors from the Prairies will find every comfort and moderate rate; established 12 years; phone 1018.

COMFORTABLE room and board; reasonable; close in, furnace heat; 615 Vancouver Street. Phone 3820X.

GENTLEMAN (or two to share) comfortable room in apartment house, as paying guests; close to car line. Address Box 441 Colonist. Phone 3116.

GOOD home for one or two paying guests, or boarders; opposite new Drill Hall; 756 Bay Street.

REFINED Home—$5.50 weekly. Phone 1078L.

ST. Ives Boarding House, 879 Fort Street. Well furnished, steam-heated; hot and cold water in every room; 3 meals, $1 per day; rooms, $2 week; meals, 25c. Home cooking.

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD

LADY—Would like heated room and board for two weeks; state terms. Box 475 Colonist.

FURNISHED ROOMS

BED-SITTING rooms, open fireplaces, with or without board; reasonable. Phone 3796L, 855 Vancouver.

DUNSMUIR Rooms, 730½ Fort, under new management; hot and cold water; telephone in each room. Mrs. Marr, Manager.

OSBORNE Court, 817 Maclure Street. Phone 3273. Newly furnished comfortable bedrooms with or without private bath. Building heated with hot water system. Hot and cold running water in every room.

WELL furnished rooms, telephone, strictly modern. 1026 Yates Street.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms and cabins; with all conveniences; at 1036 Hillside Avenue.

FURNISHED housekeeping suite, close in, overlooking sea; low rent; 12 Boyd Street.

HOUSEKEEPING and bedrooms, from $5 month up. Bath and phone. 734 Humboldt Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, two front furnished; every convenience. Mrs. Simpson, 611 Superior; phone 3964L.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms very cheap; 2842 Douglas Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, $6 up; 1179 Fort Street; phone 4097L.

TO Let—Two nicely furnished housekeeping rooms; close to Willows. Apply 2387 Olympia Avenue.

3 HOUSEKEEPING rooms, sitting-room, bedroom and kitchen, $12. Apply 1504 Fernwood Road.

WANTED—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

WANTED—Furnished housekeeping suite or small cottage, Esquimalt District; suitable for lady and 2 small children; rent must be reasonable. Mrs. H. Wells, 1025 Queen's Avenue.

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR Rent—Four-room cottage, 615 Belleville Street.

FOR Rent—Ten-roomed modern dwelling near High School, partially furnished. Phone 5831R.

SIX-ROOMED house. Phone 5105L.

TO Let—Nice bungalow, central; save car fare; 1051 Yates, vacant 18th. Phone 1314Y.

TO Rent—A five-roomed house on Pendergast Street. Bullen & Jamieson, Ltd., financial and insurance agents, Temple Building. P. O. Box 639; phone 4272.

TO Rent—Seven-roomed house, $8 per month, including water; 2339 Thistle Street, Willows.

7-ROOM house, furnace, 2521 Shelburne, $10 monthly. Campbell Bros. 1007 Government.

WANTED TO BORROW

LOAN of $200 from private party; first-class security. Box 154 Colonist.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

BUNGALOW—Close Willows; 6 rooms; piano. phone 4287.

COMFORTABLE furnished shack, on Gorge Road; suit two; light and water paid; rent, $6.50 per month. Address P. O. Box 816.

EXCEPTIONALLY well furnished modern bungalow. Apply 910 Fairfield Road.

FOR Rent—Five-roomed furnished bungalow, two minutes' walk from Willows, two blocks from Uplands car, on Olympia Avenue; rent $30. R. W. Mayhew, phone 3728X1.

FURNISHED bungalow; 4 rooms; close to Willows. Phone 1565.

FULLY modern house, 7 rooms; Fairfield, near sea and car. Box 690 Colonist.

FURNISHED house to let. Apply 31 South Turner Street.

TO Rent—Nicely furnished five-room house with furnace, at 2642 Forbes Street; suitably located for soldier's family. Apply A. M. Fraser, phones 5492R or 2032.

5-ROOM bungalow, modern conveniences, piano, furnace heat and paved street, half block Outer Wharf car, $25.00. 139 Ontario Street.

WANT TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES

WANTED—Completely furnished 3 or 4-roomed cottage. Box 519, Colonist.

WANTED—To rent, four or five-roomed house; fully furnished careful and reliable tenant. Apply Box 269 Colonist.

FLATS OR APARTMENTS

A COMFORTABLY furnished two-roomed suite will be available on the 22nd inst. Savoy Mansions.

A FEW unfurnished suites still available. Savoy Mansions.

AT Mount Edwards, Vancouver Street, furnished and unfurnished suites, large rooms; close in; car fares saved.

BETTER see the Belwil Apartments; they are warm, furnished, newly decorated; lots of hot water; 2914 Douglas.

FURNISHED Apartments, Beacon Hill Park; modern, reasonable. Phone R2866

FURNISHED Flat; four rooms; rent, $12 per month; 960 Heywood Avenue.

MORRISON Mansions, corner Hilda and Chester, Fairfield; large furnished suite.

MOUNTVIEW Apartments, Fairfield. Rents reduced. 3-room suites, bath, pantry, furnished $9, unfurnished $6. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

SUITE of rooms; piano, gas, etc.; phone mornings, 5067R.

THREE-ROOMED furnished flat, 2640 Work Street. Phone 3399L.

TWO flats, one four rooms, other three rooms, with all conveniences. Apply 423 Parry Street, James Bay.

3 FRONT rooms furnished, 1007 Collinson.

WANT—FLATS OR APARTM'TS

WANTED—Small, furnished suite; with kitchenette, gas, private bath and fireplace; must be conveniently located and reasonable in price. Reply Box 509 Colonist.

WANTED—3 or 4 rooms furnished housekeeping suite; or would like half house. Box X Y Z Colonist.

WANT TO EXCHANGE

CHOICE clear title city lots for seven to nine-room house, Oak Bay; would assume moderate mortgage. Box 432 Colonist.

DESIRABLE Victoria clear title residence lots for acreage Patricia Bay. Box 483 Colonist.

EXCHANGE—Indefeasible title of Victoria residence of 14 rooms, and one acre of well laid out grounds, inside mile circle; value $15,000; to trade for home of equal value in City of Edmonton. Dunford's, 312 Union Bank.

FOR Rent—Or would exchange for small farm near Victoria, good farm, Cowichan District, 95 acres; 50 cleared, balance slashed; good bungalow and buildings; orchard, 1½ acres; strawberries, houses for 400 laying hens, never-failing creek; milk route, etc. Particulars Box 502, Colonist.

NINE-room modern house; in Craigdarroch; for smaller house; will accept long term mortgage for balance; and trade at cost. P. O. Box 339.

WANTED—Acreage, Cordova Bay; cleared preferred, in exchange for two adjoining Fairfield lots; clear title. Box 14 Colonist.

WE specialise in exchanging all classes of property; 600 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government Street.

WHAT Offers? Exchange for Victoria clear title property; 10-acre fruit ranch at Benton City, Arrow Lakes; five acres cleared and fenced, 400 apple trees, 2,000 small fruits, also house and three lots; quick exchange; owner going to front. Apply A. H., 615 Elliott Street.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for Sale—Ford Model T, good running order, $150; 1913 Chalmers, Bosch magneto, two new tires, owner, must sell, price $250; 1912 Ford, 1913 Ford, 1912 McLaughlin, $275; Ford truck. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings; phone 1074.

EXCHANGE—Light two-passenger car in first class condition with Bosch magneto, for Ford car, five-passenger, not earlier than 1912, in any shape and condition. Phone 1480.

FORD Roadster in perfect order, $225; Studebaker 1913, electric lights, etc., $375; Buick 4-passenger, $150; Overland 1913, $490, all new tires; Tudhope, 5-passenger, 1914 model, electric lights, etc., $550; Stoddart 38, $1,000; Stutz, $1,000; also Paige, Saxon and Stutz cars on easy terms. E. J. Cameron, 1012 Yates Street.

FOR Sale—Ford roadster in perfect shape, $200. Cameron, 521 Superior Street.

FOR Sale—Will sell my 5-passenger Studebaker for $375; electric lights; spare rim and tire; in good condition. Phone 3703 or 2437 Florence Street.

GASOLINE, 24c per gallon, oils of all kinds, 20c per quart; excursion rates by the gallon. Get our prices on tires. E. J. Cameron, 1012 Yates Street.

WANTED—Late model Ford touring; will pay cash. Auto Exchange 720 View Street.

WANTED—Late model Ford roadster; must be cheap for cash. Auto Exchange, 720 View Street.

WANTED—Small good car; must be bargain for cash. Box 444 Colonist.

WANTED to Exchange—5-passenger Hudson Auto, in good running order. What offers? Box 47, Colonist.

LOST AND FOUND

BLACK metal cat lost Thursday night coming from military tournament; on Fort Street. Box 471 Colonist.

LOST—A black, smooth-haired Retriever puppy, about four months old, on Rockland Avenue Friday night. Finder will be rewarded. Reward $10. G. H. Barnard, 1462 Rockland.

LOST—A small bright green purse at the corner of Douglas and View Streets, about 1:45 p.m. Saturday; reward. Phone 610; or 823 Cook Street.

LOST—Between Brown Bros., florist, View Street, and Strathcona Hotel, ladies' fancy gold tipped yellow amber hairpin. Reward. Box 528, Colonist.

LOST—Black spaniel, with white feet, answers to name of Jack; reward; 1048 Pembroke Street.

LOST—Irish Terrier, answers to Tim. Finder please phone 4249.

BUSINESS CHANCES

AN excellent opportunity for two hustlers take over close-in grocery business; little capital required. Box 262 Colonist.

CONFECTIONERY store and lunch counter for sale cheap. Apply 652 Yates Street; Wilson pool room.

HAVE $100 to $200 to invest, with services. What have you? Box 477 Colonist.

PERSONAL

BRITISH military haircutting. Our Mr. Purchase is an expert haircutter, and particularly of this style, having been employed for ten years at J. Cousins' gentlemen's high-class hairdressing Saloon, No. 2 George Street, Plymouth, England. Mr. Purchase is now located at the Palace Barber Shop, 926 Government, just five doors north of Post Office.

PATENTS WANTED

WANTED—Ideas; write for list of inventions wanted; $1,000,000 in prizes offered for inventions. Our four books sent free. Patents secured or fee returned. Victor J. Evans & Co., 184 Ninth, Washington, D. C.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

ALL bred to registered ram; for sale, [illegible] Down ewes; price, $9; fifteen two lambs, $4. Ian Muir, Sidney, B. C.

BEAUTIFUL singing canaries. 1850 Bay Street.

CANARIES for sale. W. J. Palmer, 1401 Monterey Avenue.

EXCHANGE Persian kittens for canaries; or sell. Box 474 Colonist.

FOR Sale—A fine bull calf; born July; nearly pure Jersey; or would exchange for good hay. Newton, "Langemarck," Quadra Street, near Inverness.

FOR Sale—Boston Bull "Tipperary Tom" (C. K. C. 15,604); prizewinner; age fourteen months; weight seventeen pounds; house trained; lady's pet, or would make good stud; robust and handsome. Raymond Castle, 1520 Gladstone Avenue; phone 2738X.

FOR Sale—Canaries, fine singers. Mrs. Brabiner 1350 Hillside Avenue.

FOR Sale—Cute little collie pups; make nice Christmas presents; $2 each. Box 515 Colonist.

FOR Sale—Good family cow; Jersey-Holstein; milking; bred middle July; will make 2 lbs. butter per day when fresh. Apply 554 Colville Road.

FOR Sale—Pomeranian puppies cheap for immediate sale. 2552 Quadra.

FOR Sale—Thoroughbred Airedale dog; also Red Cocker spaniel. Box 610 Colonist.

IF you have any chickens, hens or ducks to sell, phone 4344; highest cash price paid.

JAPANESE Live Pheasants; Soemmering and Versicolor; specially selected, for sale by Alan Owston (Naturalist), Yokohama, Japan.

JUST in time for Xmas—Fox terrier pups; small breed; black and brown markings; beauties. 2914 Douglas Street.

TWO sound horses; fit for farm work; will exchange for one young, fast delivery horse. Phone 1993.

WANTED—Grade Jersey or Ayrshire cow; milking 3-4 gallons; give full particulars to Box 478 Colonist.

WHITE Wyandottes, pullets and hens for sale, from imported pure-bred stock. D. MacRae, Duncan.

1 PUREBRED Shropshire ram cheap. Thos. Mould, corner Tolmie and Douglas, Maywood P.O.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS—"World's Greatest War" going like a whirlwind. Sample book and Christmas Catalogue free on promise to canvass. Experience unnecessary. Make seven dollars daily. Bradley-Garretson, Brantford, Ontario.

PASSED by U. S. Bureau of Standards' Official Tests. Richmond Chemical Fire Extinguishers; 3 kinds, four sizes; District managers make 500 per cent profit; auto free. Richmond Chemical Co. Desk 809, Wheeling, W. Va.

55 VALUABLE Formulas, Trade Secrets, Money Making and Sales Plans, etc., contained in our Valuable Magazine, 2 issues, 10c. Hewett Co., Lynn Valley, B. C., Canada.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone 2999—634 View Street—P. O. Box 900

TIMBER Lands—Over 50,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF B. C.

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Eliza McTavish, deceased, late of the City of Victoria.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of December, 1915.

Dated November 12, 1915.

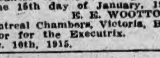
E. E. WOOTTON,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Albert Toller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, and all persons indebted to the Estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1916.

E. E. WOOTTON,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Executrix.
Dated Dec. 16th, 1915.



Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Deparment of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY.
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the Corporation of the City of Victoria for an Act:

1. RE DENMAN STREET WIDENING: Authorizing the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by By-law to extend, from ten years to twenty-five years, the time for payment of the assessment under By-law No. 1282 of the said Corporation (known as "Local Improvement Authorization By-law No. 409," and relating to the widening of Denman Street in said City; and to repeal By-law No. 1830 of said Corporation (being a By-law to borrow $21,872.63 upon debentures to pay the cost of said widening and imposing a special assessment for payment of the owners' portion of the cost of such widening and interest thereon); and to prepare and make a new special assessment and assessment roll in relation to said widening and pass a new By-law in substitution for said By-law No. 1830 whereby the debentures to be issued for said purpose shall be payable in twenty-five years (instead of ten years) from the time of the issue thereof, and making said special assessment payable in twenty-five (instead of ten) annual instalments accordingly.

2. To validate the following By-laws of the said Corporation:

(a) By-law No. 1132 known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911";

(b) By-law No. 1596, known as the "Additional North West Sewer Expropriation By-law, 1912";

(c) By-law No. 1623, known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911, Amendment By-law, 1912."

3. For such further powers and relief as may be necessary or convenient in connection with any of the above matters.

DATED at the City of Victoria this 4th day of December, A.D. 1915.

R. W. HANNINGTON,
Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT.

Notice is hereby given that on the twenty-seventh day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a licence for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as 1210 Wharf Street, situate at Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1915.

ESQUIMALT BREWING CO.
Per A. Harvey,
Applicant.

MILITARY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Tenders are wanted for the supply of fresh and other provisions for the above named hospital.

Forms of tender and specification of goods required can be obtained at the Commissioner's Office, 1211 Broad Street, Victoria.

Tenders must be received not later than noon, December 22, 1915.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Harbor Quay Line at Victoria, B.C., established by Order in Council of the 15th May, 1914, beyond which line breakwaters, wharfs, piers and similar structures should not be built, has been amended by Order in Council, passed on the 3rd December, 1915, in so far as that portion of the said Harbor Quay Line covering the West side of the Harbor is concerned.

Plans and descriptions in this connection can be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and at the office of the District Engineer, Victoria, B.C.

By Order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Canada,
Ottawa, December 13, 1915.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT

Form I., Section II.

TAKE NOTICE THAT

(1) The Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria intends to construct as a local improvement, sidewalks of concrete on both sides of PRIOR STREET, between Hillside Avenue and Summit Avenue, and intends to specially assess a part of the cost upon the lands abutting directly on the work.

(2) The estimated cost of the work is $5,635.00, of which $1,127.00 is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated special rate per foot frontage is $1.69. The special assessment is to be paid in ten annual instalments.

(3) A petition against the work will not avail to prevent its construction.

Dated at Victoria, this 18th day of December, 1915.

"WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,"
City Clerk.

GOOD TRADE AT MARKET

Stallholders Experienced Ready Demand for All Seasonable Lines—Christmas Orders Booked

The advent of Christmas was evident at the public market yesterday, and the extra large stocks of produce of a seasonable nature met with ready sale. In fact the stall-holders experienced a much better business than on previous market days, and sales were being effected well on in the afternoon. Many of the stall-holders booked substantial orders for delivery of poultry, etc., for Christmas consumption. Prices ruled generally steady at the following average figures:

Fruits—Apples, No. 1, $1.40 per box; No. 2, $1.10; pears, 2c and 3c per lb.

Dairy produce—Butter, 40c to 45c per lb; eggs, 50c to 55c per dozen.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 1c per lb; turnips, 1c per lb; parsnips, 1c per lb; Brussels sprouts, six lb for 25c; watercress, 5c per bunch; lettuce, two heads for 5c; squash, 5c each; pumpkins, 5c each; cauliflowers, 5c to 10c each; carrots, 1c per lb.

Meats—Beef, 8c to 15c per lb; veal, 15c to 20c per lb; pork, 12½c to 15c per lb; mutton, 12½c to 20c per lb; fowl, 16c to 18c per lb; chicken, 22c to 25c per lb; ducks, 28c to 30c per lb; geese, 22c to 25c per lb; turkeys, 35c to 40c per lb.

Fish—Fresh herring, 5c per lb; cod, 10c per lb; halibut, 12½c per lb; salt black cod, 10c per lb; Spring salmon, 17½c per lb; smelts, 10c per lb; kippers, 10c per lb; bloaters, 10c per lb; fillets, 15c per lb; smoked black cod, 15c per lb; crabs, 01c per lb; shrimps, 20c per lb; smoked salmon, 15c per lb.

LOCAL MARKETS

Vegetables.			
Beets, lb.			.03½
Brussels Sprouts, lb.			.10
Cabbage, lb.			.02
Carrots, lb.			.03½
Cauliflower, each	.15	and	.20
Celery, Okan., bunch			.05
Celery, local, lb.			.10
Citron, lb.			.02
Cucumbers, H. H., each	.10	and	.20
Egg Plant, lb.			.12
Lettuce, local, head			.05
Lettuce, H.H., 3 bunches			.10
Marrows, lb.			.05
Onions, Green, 3 bndles.			.10
Onions, Dry, 12 lbs.			.25
Parsley, bunch			.05
Peppers, lb.	.15	and	.25
Potatoes, Ashcroft, sack			1.50
Potatoes, River, sack			.75
Potatoes, local, sack			.90
Potatoes, Sweet, 6 lbs.			.25
Pumpkin, lb.			.02
Turnips, 15 lbs.			.25
Tomatoes, local, H.H., lb.			.20
Watercress, bunch			.05
Fruit.			
Apples, local, 6 lbs.			.25
Apples, Jonathan No. 1 box	1.50	and	2.00
Apples, box	1.00	to	1.25
Bananas, dozen			.30
Cranberries, Eastern, lb.			.20
Grapes, Tokay, basket			.65
Grapes, Malagra, lb.			.25
Grapes, local, H. H., bskt			.50
Grapefruit, Cal., 3 bskts.			.25
Grapefruit, Cal., lower grade, 3 for			.25
Lemons, Cal., dozen	.25	and	.30
Oranges, Valencia, dozen	.30, 40	and	.50
Melons, Casaba			.20
Sugar.			
B. C. Granulated, 20 lbs.			1.40
B. C. Granulated, 100 lbs.			7.75
Dairy Produce and Eggs.			
Butter—			
Comox, lb.			.40
Cowichan Creamery, lb.			.45
Eastern Creamery, lb.			.35
Northwest Creamery, lb.			.45
Cheese—			
Canadian, lb.			.25
Canadian Stilton, lb.			.30
English Stilton, lb.			.60
Eggs, local, dozen			.65
Fish.			
Bloaters, lb.			.10
Cod, lb.			.10
Cod Fillets, lb.			.15
Finan Haddie, lb.			.15
Halibut, lb.			.12½
Halibut, smoked, lb.			.18
Herring, lb.			.05
Herring, Kippered, lb.			.10
Oysters, Esquimalt, dozen			.60
Salmon, frozen, lb.			.30
Salmon, smoked, lb.	.20	to	.25
Salmon, lb.			.15
Salmon, Spring, lb.			.12½
Salmon, Kippered, lb.			.18
Skate, lb.			.10
Smelts, lb.			
Soles, lb.			.10
Whiting, lb.			.12½
Feed.			
Barley, 100 lbs.			1.90
Oats, 100 lbs.			1.60
Barley, ground, 100 lbs.			2.00
Bran, 100 lbs.			1.40
Corn, 100 lbs.			2.10
Corn, cracked, 100 lbs.			2.20
Oats, crushed, 100 lbs.			1.70
Shorts, 100 lbs.			1.50
Wheat, No. 1, 100 lbs.			2.10
Wheat, No. 2, 100 lbs.			2.00
Hay, Alfalfa, ton	22.00	to	24.00
Hay, Timothy, ton	20.00	to	22.00
Straw, bale			.60
Flour.			
B. and K. Bread Flour 49-lb. sack			1.75
Purity, 49-lb. sack			1.75
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Robin Hood, 49-lb. sack			1.75
Royal Household, 49-lb. sack			1.70
Royal Standard, 49-lb. sk			1.70
Gold Seal, 49-lb. sack			1.70
Snowflake, 49-lb. sack			1.75
Wild Rose, 49-lb. sack			1.70
Meats.			
Beef, loin roasts, lb.	.25	to	.30
Beef, boiling, lb.	.10	to	.12½
Mutton, forequarters, lb.			.18
Mutton, hindquarters, lb.	.20	to	.25
Mutton, leg, lb.			.25
Mutton, loin, lb.			.22
Chicken, lb.	.22	to	.25
Fowl, lb.	.16	to	.20
Broilers, lb.	.18	to	.25
Fryers, each			.45
Ducks, young, lb.	.25	to	.30
Geese, lb.			.25
Bacon, Canadian Sugar			

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STOCK MARKET AGAIN DULL AND IRREGULAR

Volume of Transactions Small and Price Changes Insignificant—Public Taking No Interest in Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Today's market was in the main a repetition of the dull and irregular sessions, operations being in very moderate volume, consisting largely of a closing out of standing contracts. Public interest was altogether lacking, aside from a fair inquiry for certain investment issues, including the Anglo-French bonds.

United States Steel was the most active feature, though displaying some heaviness. Other prominent issues included American Smelting, Republic Iron and Steel, Studebaker, and Baldwin Locomotive. Rails were fairly firm, but dull. Total sales amounted to only 192,000 shares.

Bankers with foreign connections are quoted as expecting further European liquidation of American stocks and bonds as a result of the British Government's plan to control these securities. The market for exchange was again irregular. The features of the bank statement included an expansion of loans by about $28,000,000, and a contraction in reserves of slightly more than $20,000,000.

Bonds were steady, with total sales, par value, $1,835,000. United States registered 4's advanced ½ per cent on call during the week.

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Stocks—	High	Low	Bid
Alaska Gold	27⅛	25⅞	27
Allis-Chalmers	31⅝	31½	31½
Allis-Chalmers pfd.	..	..	82
Amn. Coal Pdks.	..	..	153
Amn. Agr. Chemical	..	..	69
Amn. Beet Sugar	70½	70	69½
Amn. Can	59⅝	59⅜	59¼
Amn. Car and Fdy.	..	..	79
Amn. Steel Fdy.	..	..	61½
Amn. Woolen	..	..	47
Amn. Locomotive	68⅜	68½	66½
Amn. Smelting	100⅜	99⅞	100
Amn. Sugar	..	..	115½
Amn. Tel. and Tel.	128⅜	128¼	128⅜
Anaconda	..	..	85⅝
Atchison	106	105⅞	105⅛
Balto. and Ohio	92⅝	92¼	92⅝
Bethlehem Steel	474	470	470
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	..	..	88
C. P. R.	179⅝	179¼	179½
Cal. Petroleum	31⅛	30⅛	30⅝
Central Leather	53½	53⅛	52⅞
Ches. and Ohio	..	..	61½
C. and G. W.	..	..	14⅜
C. and G. W. pfd.	..	..	38⅝
C. M. and St. Paul	93¼	93	93
Colo. Fuel and Iron	52	51½	51½
Crucible Steel	73½	72⅝	72½
Con. Gas	146½	145¼	146
Distillers Sec.	48⅛	47⅛	47⅞
Erie	41⅝	41⅝	41⅝
Erie 1st pfd.	..	..	56
Erie 2nd pfd.	..	..	48⅛
Genl. Motors	500	490	505
Goodrich	72½	72⅛	72¼
Great Northern pfd.	125⅛	125¼	125¼
Gt. Nor. Ore. ctfs.	48⅛	47⅝	48⅛
Guggenheim	78⅞	77¼	77¼
Inspiration	45	44⅝	44⅞
Baldwin Loco.	118½	115⅞	115¼
Lackawanna	..	..	80½
Kas. City Southern	30⅝	30½	30⅝
Louis. and Nash.	..	..	126
Lehigh Valley	..	..	81¼
Mackay Co.'s	..	..	79
Maxwell Motor	76⅝	75	75¼
Mex. Petroleum	96½	96	96
Midvale Steel	..	..	73¼
M. S. P. and S. S. M.	122	122⅛	122½
M. K. and T.	..	..	6⅜
M. K. and T. pfd.	..	..	16
Mo. Pacific	4	3⅝	3⅝
N. Y. Airbrake	..	..	138
Nat. Lead	..	..	63¼
Nevada Cons.	..	..	15½
New Haven	74½	74¼	74
N. Y. Central	105⅝	105	105¼
N. Y. O. and W.	30⅛	30	30¼
Norfolk and West.	121	120⅝	120⅝
North America Co.	..	..	72
Northern Pacific	116	115⅝	115⅝
Pacific Mail	..	..	11½
Pennsylvania	59⅛	58⅞	58⅞
People's Gas	113	112	112
Pittsburg Coal	36⅝	36⅛	36⅝
do pfd.	111⅝	111	111
Pressed Steel Car	..	..	64¼
Railway Steel Spg.	..	..	44
Reading	81⅝	80½	81¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	55⅛	54⅝	54⅝
do pfd.	..	..	109½
Sloss Sheffield	..	..	62
Southern Pac.	101⅛	100½	100⅞
Sou. Railway	..	..	22½
do pfd.	..	..	61
Studebaker Corpn.	169⅝	168⅛	168
Tenn. Copper	..	..	57
Texas Pacific	..	..	14½
Twin City	..	..	94
Union Pacific	137¼	136½	137
do pfd.	..	..	82¼
U. S. Rubber	54¼	54	54
do 1st pfd.	..	..	107½
U. S. Steel	85⅝	85¼	85⅝
do pfd.	116½	116	116⅛
Utah Copper	79	78½	79
Va. Car Chemical	46¼	45⅝	46¼
do pfd.	..	..	110
Western Union	..	..	89
Westinghouse	69	68¼	68⅞
Wisconsin Central	..	..	38½
Granby (Boston)	79¼	79	79
Willys-Overland	241	240	240½

Total sales—190,500.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Listed Stocks—	Bid	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	16.00	23.00
Can. Copper Co.	2.00	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	65.00	...
Can. Cons. S. and R.	125.00	...
Coronation Gold	.10	...
Granby	79.00	80.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	.09	.10
Lucky Jim Zinc	.07½	.07½
McGillivray Coal	.14	.16
Portland Canal	.01	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	.17	.20
Red Cliff	...	.09
Standard Lead	1.96	2.05
Snowstorm	.17	.18½
Stewart M. and D.	...	.75
Slocan Star	.17	.20
Stewart Land	...	7.00
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	...	115.00
Unlisted—		
American Marconi	2.75	2.90
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.20
Glacier Creek	...	.04
Island Investment	...	22.00
Union Club Deb.), old	...	90.00
do new	...	40.00
Portland Tunnels	...	.06
Vict. Opera Debs.	...	90.00
Howe Sound	4.20	4.50
Pingree Mines	...	.10
University School Debs.	...	100.00

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

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Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	1.18⅝	1.18	1.16	1.17⅝
May	1.18⅛	1.19⅝	1.17¼	1.19⅛
July	1.10⅞	1.12	1.10⅝	1.11⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	780	70½	69⅞	69⅝
May	73	73⅛	72⅝	73⅛
July	72⅞	73⅜	72⅝	73⅛
Oats—				
Dec.	41½	41⅛	41	41½
May	45⅛	45⅛	44⅝	44⅝
Pork—				
Jan.	18.60	18.65	18.50	18.50
May	18.60	18.65	18.55	18.62
Lard—				
Jan.	9.60	9.62	9.57	9.62
May	9.92	9.95	9.90	9.92
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	..	..	..	9.85
May	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

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Stock—	Bid	Asked
Amn. Marconi	3⅝	⅝
Buffalo	1	1½
Can. Car Fdy.	94	97
Can. Car Fdy. pfd.	118	119
Can. Copper	2	1-16
Can. Marconi	1	2
Crown Reserve	65	67
Daly West	3⅝	⅝
Nome Mines	23	½
Am. Phone	12	⅝
Hedley Gold	29	..
Howe Sound	4½	¼
Gold Con.	1-16	⅛
Kerr Lake	4⅛	⅝
La Rose	60	65
Mines of Ama.	2⅜	⅝
Nipissing	7⅝	⅝
Standard Lead	1⅝	2
Stewart	60	62
Steel of Can.	40	41
Success	62	65
Tonapah	6⅜	72
Yukon	2⅝	3

Phoenix Stout, 3 quarts for 25c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—The close showed a gain of 1c to 1½c. The feature of the trading was the buying of futures by exporters, with some assistance from the public. Exporters reported a good trade for wheat for delivery on all months up to June next. Many of these sales were for delivery at the seaboard. The cash trade was affected by the embargo on all rail movements to St. John, and the demand for No. 1 Northern was limited and premiums were off, the best bid being the December prices. The public bought futures to some extent all morning.

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
Dec.	109¼	110½
May	112	112⅞
Oats—		
Dec.	38⅝	39⅛
May	42	42¼
Flax—		
Dec.	182⅛	184¼
May	189⅝	191⅛

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 110⅛; 2 Nor., 107½; 3 Nor., 104¼; No. 4, 101.

Oats—2 C. W., 39⅛; 3 C. W., 36¼; extra 1 feed, 36¼.

METAMORPHOSIS OF MAN ABOUT TOWN

Instance of What War Has Done in the Making of Men—A Bit of Human Salvage.

(By George Edgar)

When I first knew him he was about town, and a very resplendent young person. He was at the age when very young men break out into fancy raiment on the least provocation. One knows it as the peacock stage, when life is a matter of sunlight, and the male equivalent for fine feathers.

His name was Bertram Gay. At least, for the purpose of this article, I shall call him Bert Gay, though that was not his name then any more than it is his name now. "Flappers," who lunched with him, called him "Bertie." He did not seem to mind.

I knew Bert Gay casually, but not intimately. Men who are past the fancy waistcoat stage of life's follies do not mix well with a generation that reminds them of early inanities.

Bert had money—too much money. He came of a naval family. He had a fine figure for the tailor, and the tailor made a fine figure out of Bert, in more senses than one. His taste in fancy waistcoats was marvellous. His range of ties was stupendous. On socks his imagination ran riot. I remember the socks, almost a symphony in pearl grey, as tenderly elusive as the mist upon the morning hills. They were only worn with the suave grey suit, the pearl grey tie, the pearl tiepin, and the pearl grey hat of Homburg shape. There were times when Bert looked like a smart leading man of musical comedy, who, having lost his theatre, had taken the whole of the West End for a stage.

Every morning Bert conveyed a faint suggestion of mixed perfumes culled from expensive hairdressing establishments. His pink finger-nails were vaguely reminiscent of the salmon-tinted greasy stuff put on and polished off by the handmaiden who administers the finishing touches of the manicurist with a pad of chamois leather.

Only on boat race nights did the immaculate Bert lose his poise. On those almost forgotten Saturdays he made a point of dining most lavishly. He was not naturally quarrelsome, but on such nights he had to quarrel. The quarrel led to the exciting episode of the evening—the joy of being thrown out of a theatre by uniformed attendants.

After this strenuous exertion he would sup unwisely, and supper always created a desire to drive hansom cabs through the public streets, with "cabby" inside smoking a choice Corona Corona. This part of the ritual ended Bert's big evening. But one Boat Race night, more successful than another, he achieved a great triumph, and spent the night in Vine-street, having been taken there by three robust policemen, who knew their attentions were the equivalent of a Victoria Cross to Bertie.

I saw him on the Monday languidly addressing oysters and Chablis.

He was pale but determined. His wonderful clothes were made from a new art shade amounting almost to an electric blue. You could hardly tell he had a black eye. It had been laboriously and superbly treated by a successful artist.

He told me the incidents of the Saturday.

Also that the magistrate had fined him 40s. and costs, and advised him not to be a young fool in public, and behind the scenes had invited him to dinner, first asking after his father.

Also that he had taken the policemen who locked him up to breakfast.

"And," quoth he, "it was the finest game I ever played, old lad."

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It was a dirty morning a few months ago when I got up by the sea somewhere southwest of Dover. There was what the old shell-backs in the blue sweaters who prop up the harbor pier call "a bit of wind blowing." Through their rheumy eyes they could see "a bit of sea." On such days those who come ashore call the ocean bad names and compare it with the worst nights they remember to the present ocean's disadvantage.

The rheumy-eyed spectators were gazing critically on the bit of sea and communing with themselves. "They'll never get her." "I thought she was going then" "It's all up with her—she's going down aft—look at the list on her." "Wow! she's broke her line." "She's settling, or I'm a Dutchman." "No, they've got her again." These and such phrases were spoken solemnly by our weather-beaten observers, who chewed tobacco and watched the incidents on the waste of water with an understanding eye and long memories.

The sea was running in long rollers, each with a crest of breaking foam. They swung against the granite harbor, and sent clouds of spray like patches of white steam high into the air. Through the spray one could see the waste, grey and white-maned. And on the waste of sea men were battling at a common task of this war—a dirty, long, nerve-racking task which, when completed, compels no honors, and attracts no attention.

They had a steamer—a little tramp steamer—in tow. Through the spray-laden wind and the rain one could see the vessel was badly down aft. Also she had a list, and lolled on the water at an angle so precarious that she seemed to be trying to smell the tops of the ugly breakers with her funnel. Sometimes she would make an effort, like a lame duck struggling to sit up and swim. Around her were three boats of the trawler type. All were reeling on the heavy seas, and the spray broke over the live ducks and the lame one impartially. And one trawler was pulling at the lame duck's bill, and the other two had a line on her stern to steady her when she lolled lower than ever, as if tired of the fight, and to steer her when she sat up a bit, rudderless and without any means of guiding herself.

Foot by foot the boats fought the sea. Inch by inch they won to the harbor. I watched them three hours before they finally propped the lolling lame duck against the harbor wall.

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Half an hour later I saw a tall, slim, fair man. You could tell he was fair because he had a three days' growth of brick-red whisker. His blue eyes were red about the lids and bloodshot about the whites. His voice had a rasp that only comes from nights spent in raw air and driving spray. He wore a heavy blue coat covered with rust marks and coal dust. He was drenched with salt water, stiff with cold, and as dirty as a clean man can get.

"Hullo, old lad!" was his greeting.

I looked beneath the scrubbling brush of red beard and found Bert—Bert Gay.

"What are you—an oyster dredger?" I asked.

"Nope, old friend," Gay replied. "Pillar of the Empire—sea scavenger—and what not. Last night was the 'what not' part. Dirty weather—eh?"

"What have you been doing?" I asked.

"Bit of salving," he said.

"Were you with the hooker they've just dragged in?"

"Was I not?" he said emphatically. "I should jolly well think I was. I've been making love to her for eight hours solid! Heard her hit it, this morning, one o'clock. She struck a mine and holed out in one. I had to take her over the rest of the course. Found her rolling about—head up, tail down. I boarded her, and she was in a pickle. She struck on astern. Rudder gone, boat gone, crew gone, nearly all gone. I dragged her about for hours, and later on two of the boys came and held her up aft. What a life!"

"A new game for you, Gay, eh?" I commented.

"Finest game I ever played in my life, old lad," he answered. "You know this wretched town, and it's a long way off my beat. Where do I get a hot bath and some food that doesn't taste of oil, sea, or cinders?"

I looked at his coarse, broken nails.

"Don't you want a manicurist first?" I asked curiously.

"Rot!" he said with a grin. "My idea is relays of ham and eggs and about a pint of hot coffee."—London Daily Mail.

EMPLOYEES GIVE TO PATRIOTIC FUND

The following employes have organised to make monthly contributions to the Patriotic Fund:

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W. H. WALKER
Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, December 6, 1915.—89,174.

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Monday, Dec. 20

2 p.m.

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Dining-Room — Mission Oak Buffet with Bevel Mirror, Silverware, Pair Silver Candlesticks, 4-light Candelabra, Bronze Indian Tray, Cut and Other Glassware, 10 ft. Round Mission Oak Extension Table, 4 leaves; Set of 6 Dining Chairs, 2 Oak Rocking Chairs, Oak Cabaret.

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Auction Sales

Auction sales will be held each afternoon at 2 o'clock, and evening at 8 o'clock, during Christmas week, of the remaining Superfluities donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society. The sales will be held at the Red Cross Rooms, Belmont House, Mr. Lansberg kindly officiating as honorary auctioneer. It has been decided to sell absolutely without reserve. This will be a unique opportunity for any one to not only purchase useful and ornamental Christmas gifts at a very small cost, but to have the added pleasure of knowing that in buying their Christmas gift through this channel they are helping the Red Cross Society, and incidentally our soldiers at the front.

Remember the place—BELMONT HOUSE.

Remember the time—2 o'clock and 8 o'clock each day, commencing Monday.

Superfluities Committee

Canadian Red Cross Society.

Last Week

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MESSRS. STEWART WILLIAMS & CO.

Duly instructed by the Oriental Importing Co. will continue the Sale at 1601 Government Street, Corner of Cormorant Street

Tomorrow and the Rest of the Week

At 11, 2:30, and 8 o'clock each day.

The Stock consists of a good line of Japanese Toys, Ornaments, Jewelry, Silk Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Slippers, etc., all suitable for Christmas Presents, also a quantity of Silks, Cotton Goods, Kimonas, Dressing Jackets, Stockings, Tea Clothes and other goods too numerous to mention.

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House Coats and Dressing Gowns, in plain and fancy shades of warm comfortable materials; neatly braided. Prices from $5.00 to **$15.00**

Silk Pajamas—A newly arrived shipment includes some fine effects, one specially neat—heliotrope with white stripe and fancy silk braided frogs. Only **$5.00**

Pajamas, in Ceylon flannel, Soisettes and flannelettes. Prices, $2.00 to **$5.00**

Cuff Links, solid gold. Pair **$3.50**

Stick Pins, with pearls or cameos, $1.50 to **$5.00**

Full Dress Sets—Pearl studs, links and vest buttons. Set **$2.50**

Silk and Silk-Knitted Mufflers—All shades, $3.00 to **$8.00**

Wool Taffeta Shirts, in fine light shades. They will make very acceptable gifts. Price **$4.50**

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Suspenders—All of exceptional quality, boxed in individual boxes. Prices 50c to **$2.50**

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Hose Supports, in light colored silk web, 50c, 75c and **$1.00**

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TWO MILLIONS OF VOLUNTEERS

Enlistments Made Under Lord Derby's Scheme May Exceed That Number—Recruits of Four Classes Called

LONDON, Dec. 13.—It is now generally accepted that the number of volunteers under Lord Derby's scheme exceeds 2,000,000, including 270,000 direct enlistments for immediate service. Will Thorne, M.P., says the number of married, compared to single men, who were attested in West Ham is seven to five. This is a very exceptional proportion.

Four classes of recruits who enlisted under the Earl of Derby's plan were called out today by royal proclamation.

The classes called out are groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Derby recruits. The announcement, placarded by the War Office, states that their services will begin January 20.

These groups are composed of unmarried men from nineteen to twenty-two years of age.

All recruits on the Derby rolls who did not enlist for immediate service were placed on the army reserve rolls, and therefore the first call for service of four classes is made through the same formality as in the case of old army reservists who heretofore have been called to the colors.

The appearance of placards topped with the royal arms caused a stir in the streets.

The public infers that the Derby enlistment plan has been a success, and that conscription at least is postponed. If it should develop that any large percentage of unmarried eligibles failed to enlist, it is expected they will be subjected to conscription, as foreshadowed by Mr. Asquith, before any calls are made for the married men who volunteered under the Derby plan.

It is inferred that the Government intends to consider the first class, consisting of 18-year-old boys, as corresponding to the class of 1917 in continental countries, and will defer indefinitely putting them in training.

The Westminster Gazette, which often semi-officially voices the Liberal section of the Cabinet, entirely repudiated the suggestion that the Government will evade the pledge given to the married men under Derby's scheme. "That which was seriously meant, will be honorably carried out. If the single men rely on the off chance that unforseen circumstances may arise to relieve them from their duty, they had better be disabused of this notion. A certain number of them have had it in their power to plunge us into a controversy, which for a hundred good reasons had better be avoided, but that is the limit of their resources. We speak as strong upholders of the voluntary system who would greatly deplore the necessity of departing from it when we are so near the accomplishment of our purpose without any form of legal compulsion. But, we are obliged to say, that no voluntaryist who supported the Prime Minister's pledge, or who remained silent while the married men attested on the strength of it, could be a party to its evasion."

THE NELSON TOUCH

They've swept and cleared the ocean roads
Where'er our ensigns run,
As Nelson made the tradeways safe
When Trafalgar was won.
So prow by prow, the homeward-bounds
Come surging up the bay,
Each convoyed by a battleship
Ten thousand miles away.

They steam just where the Victory sailed,
Where Blake and Howe were ranged,
And iron takes the place of oak,
But nothing else is changed.
They're guarding just as close today,
Their kindred of the South,
As though they formed a long grey line,
Across our harbor mouth.

Their prestige and their prowess now
Protect by sea and land;
They're fighting half a world away,
Yet ever near at hand;
To not a port the Empire owns
Is the right of way denied,
For dreadnoughts of the North Sea Fleet
Are cruising close outside.

So though the Powers of Hell be loosed,
And Hate and Fate combine,
The Fleet that dares the hidden death,
The menace of the mine,
Is shield and sword at once for you—
Security and ease,
Because it keeps the Nelson touch
Across a hundred seas.
—"Woomera," in The Australasian.

American Ship Confiscated

HAMBURG, Dec. 18.—The German prize court considering the case of the American ship Pass of Bahama, which was captured while bound for Archangel, Russia, with a cargo of cotton, has decided that the proceeds realized from the sale of the cotton shall be paid to the owners. The ship itself is to be confiscated with all its equipment and provisions. The Pass of Bahama was owned by the Harby Ship Company, of New York. The cargo of cotton was sold after she was captured for about $625,000.

Women on Berlin Cars

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Women will begin doing the work of motormen in the Berlin street cars next week, it is announced.

Food Prices in London and Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Official returns show a very slight increase in food prices in the past month. Berlin figures show an average increase in cost of staple articles during the year ending November of 61 per cent.

Seizure of Opium

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Seven cases of opium, valued at $34,000, were seized today by customs officers in the hold of the Japanese liner Seiyo Maru. The contraband drug was consigned from Hong Kong to a Chinese merchant at Salina Cruz, Mexico. No effort was made to conceal the opium.

Attacks made without reflection have no place in scientific war, the results of which always depend on the soundness of strategic calculations rather than upon material force and these hand-to-hand encounters which are the least noble part of the art.—Napoleon.

Phoenix Stout, 2 quarts for 25c.

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Colored Cloth Gaiters, all sizes, prices to 75c from ..... **25¢**

Wool Sweater Sets of two and three pieces; coat shape, with cap, some with scarf. Colors saxe, old rose, cardinal, white, brown, grey, green and coral. Prices up to $5.75 from **$2.25**

Sweater Caps, all shades, special at ..... **75¢**

Cashmere Dresses, in various styles, priced to $3.50 from **$1.25**

Woolen Jersey Suits, two and three piece styles, and specially priced to $3.50 from **$1.50**

Kewpie Bath Robes, of good quality flannelette. Sizes 4 to 8 years. Each .. **$1.25**

Kewpie Pajamas, of good quality flannelette, sizes 6 to 12 years. Each **$1.50**

Large size Pinafores, 6 to 10 years, special at 65c and ..... **50¢**

Girls' Cloth Dresses, sizes 4 to 14 years and all excellent quality fabrics and most serviceable designs. Specially priced to $5.75 from **$2.75**

—First Floor

Serviceable Gifts for Boys

Boys' All Wool Sweater Coats, heavy rib, finished with shawl collar; the shades are navy, grey and maroon; also fawn with khaki. Sizes 26 to 32. Each $2.75. Youths' size, 34. Each **$3.00**

Felt Slippers, in plaids and plain colors, all sizes; priced to $1.00 from ..... **50¢**

Boys' Tweed Caps, new shapes, in light, medium and dark tweed mixtures. Each 50c and ..... **25¢**

Fancy Hats, in khaki, checks, tweeds and mixtures. Each $1.00 and ..... **50¢**

Fibre Suit Case, juvenile sizes, light but strong; 14 in., $1.15; 16 in., $1.25; 18 in. for **$1.35**
Lower priced quality, 12 in., each 75c; 14 inch, each ..... **80¢**

Serviceable Suits, in Norfolk and double-breasted styles with bloomer pants. All sizes. Priced to $12.50 from **$4.75**

Boys' Watches, guaranteed quality and perfect timekeepers. Special at **$1.00**

Boys' Woolen Gloves, in heather mixtures and black, at, pair, priced to $1.00 from .. **25¢**

—Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Silverware at Special Prices

Very acceptable will either of the following pieces be as Christmas or wedding gifts:

Six Silver-plated Knives and Forks, in neat box—
Dessert size **$1.50**
Table size **$1.90**

Silver-plated Tea Set with tray, 4 pieces to the set. Reg. $17.50 value for **$14**

Silver - plated Cake Basket, reg. $5.25 for **$3.75**

Dainty Wood Case Clocks, reliable timekeepers, priced to $2.50 from .. **$1.50**

Silver Baby Spoons, in several decorations, 1847 Rogers silver. Each **90¢**

Silver Baby Mugs, priced to $2.50 from ..... **50¢**

China Smokers 'Set, comprising ash tray, table tray, tobacco jar and cigarette holder. Handsomely decorated and finished in gold. Reg. $4.75 value for, set **$2.50**

—Second Floor

New Styles in Sea Grass Chairs to Sell at $4.90

Four different designs to choose from, and they are well made. These Chairs make most acceptable Christmas or Wedding gifts.

Rattan Chairs, each $5.50 to **$6.90**

Folding Card Tables, with green baize top. Special at **$3.50**

—Fourth Floor

Children's Waterproof Rain Capes

With Silk lined hood, all sizes. Special at **$2.50**

—First Floor

Spencer Merchandise Scrip

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Gift Suggestions in Men's Furnishings

"President" Suspenders in fancy box ..... **50¢**

Kid End Suspenders, with fancy striped web; packed in fancy gift box, each for ..... **50¢**

Two-piece Combination Set, armbands and garters, in fancy gift box Each **50¢**

Three - piece Combination Set, leather belt, armbands and garters, packed in fancy box Each **$1.00**

Collar Boxes in kid and leather effects, with small stud button box inside. Each $1.25 and ... **$1.00**
Better grades, each $2.00 and **$1.50**

Men's Mufflers, full length style, in silk, silk and wool, also cotton and wool mixtures. Each 75c and ..... **50¢**

Jap Silk Handkerchiefs, plain white, each 75c, 50c, **25¢**
Muffler size, each **$1.25**

Cambric and Linen Handkerchiefs, at, dozen, $6.00, $4.00, $3.00, $1.50, **$1.00**

—Main Floor

Girls' Pleated Skirts

We have had many enquiries for Pleated Skirts, so had this range specially made up. Very smart Skirts, full pleat, in lengths 24 to 30 inches, and 22 to 30 waist. In navy blue and black serges. Special value at **$3.50**

—First Floor

Silk Sweater Sets

Make most handsome Christmas gifts, as well as a most serviceable one. These Sets are beautifully made and finished with belt back, cap and scarf to match. Shades include plain and two-tone effects. Splendid value at, per set **$12.50**

—First Floor

Extra Quality Materials in These Cloth Skirts at $5.75

ANOTHER lot of Cloth Skirts just received makes this the largest assortment we have yet shown at the price. The materials used are extra good qualities and include diagonals, black and white checks, tweeds, serges and plain cloths. Some circular cut, others perfectly plain tailored and still others in military style with patch pockets. Sizes 23 to 36 waist-band. All new and the very latest. Splendid value at **$5.75**

—First Floor

Gift Suggestions in Gloves

Spencer "Glove Scrip" issued to any amount, for any kind of merchandise and changeable at any of our three stores.

Silk Gloves, Queen Quality make, black only; 2-dome, with double tips. Pair for ..... **75¢**

Silk Gloves, Queen Quality; double tips; in black, white and cream; 16-button length. Price, per pair **$1.00**

Fleece-Lined Mocha Gloves at, pair, $1.00 and **$1.50**

Cape Skin Gloves, fleece lined, at, pair $1.00, $1.25 and **$1.50**

Mocha Fleece-Lined Gloves, fur wrist and strap, at, pair **$2.00**

Children's Fleece - Lined Gloves at, pair, 75c **$1.00**

Children's Woolen Gloves, fancy Ringwood and Plain, at, per pair ..... **35¢**

Ladies' Woolen Gloves, navy, brown, black and slate, pair ..... **50¢**

Ladies' Chamoisette Gloves, white only; 2-dome, at, pair ..... **75¢**

—Main Floor

Dainty Gifts in Tea Aprons at 35c

Dainty Tea Apron of all-over embroidery, edged with fine Valenciennes lace. Special, each. **35¢**

Pretty Tea Apron of plain white lawn finished with deep flounce of embroidery. Special, each .. **35¢**

Fancy Tea Apron—Of fine lawn, trimmed with lace insertion and lace edging. Special, each ..... **35¢**

Boudoir Caps, of fancy muslin, finished with frill of lace and trimmed with ribbon rosettes. Splendid assortment, each ... **50¢**

—First Floor

Nurses' Chatelaines

Complete with hypodermic syringe, chemical thermometer, probes, scissors, tweezers, etc, fitted in leather. An excellent and useful gift for a nurse. Each **$6.50**

—Drugs, Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Fancy Linens

Real Irish Linen Runners and Squares. Hand woven and hand embroidered and finished hemstitched and scalloped borders.

Size 30 x 30. Reg. $2.50 to $9.00, selling at $1.95 up to **$7.25**

Size 36 x 36. Reg. $3.00 to $10.00, selling at $2.25 up to **$8.50**

Size 45 x 45. Reg. $2.50 to $6.75, selling at $1.95 up to **$4.75**

Size 54 x 54. Reg. $4.00 to $16.50, selling at $3.25 up to **$13.25**

Tray Cloths, 18 x 27. Reg. $3.50 selling at ... **$2.75**

Scalloped Tray Cloths, 20 x 30. Reg. $3.50, selling for **$2.75**

Tray Cloths, 20 x 45. Reg. $4.50, selling at ... **$3.25**

Tray Cloths, 20 x 54. Reg. $4.50 to $7.50, selling at $3.25 to **$5.50**

Tray Cloths — Hemstitched and embroidered—18 x 45. Reg. $3.50 to $5.75. Selling at $2.75 to **$4.50**
18 x 54. Reg. $2.50 to $6.75. Selling at $1.95 to **$4.75**

—Main Floor

Pretty Lingerie Waists

Lingerie Waists made serviceable gifts always appreciated. By selecting from our large assortment of pretty styles you will be sure of getting absolutely the best value at lowest prices. We have them in plain and embroidered voiles, corded voiles, and fancy muslins, priced **65c** up to **$3.75**, but draw particular attention to the range marked at **$1.75**

—First Floor

Serviceable Silk Waists

A **Silk Waist** is a most pleasing gift to receive and one thoroughly appreciated. For our Christmas Waist Buyers we offer exceptional values as well as the most dainty of styles. All Waists are new and most desirable styles and qualities, including Georgette crepes, silk crepe de Chine, fancy silks, and white Jap washing silks. Prices range from **$2.50, $2.90, $3.90** up to **$6.90**

—First Floor

Novelty Hand Bags

In all the very latest styles and leathers. Beautifully made and finished in a variety of ways. Some contain extra change purse or card wallet. See this assortment for Christmas gifts. All prices, up from **$1.00**

—Main Floor

Neckwear Novelties

Rose Beads, in all colors and latest novelties. Prices up from **35c**

Colored String of Beads, special at . **15c**

Reg. $1.00 Strings of Beads, clearing at **25c**

Silk and Mercerized Mufflers, up from **50c**

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